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Saudis shoot down Iranian jet off the Gulf coast

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

Saudi Arabia became militarily involved in the Gulf war, for the first time yesterday when its air force intercepted an Iranian jet off its north-eastern coast and shot it down into the sea.

The Arab Gulf states had scarcely had time to weigh the implications of this grave development in the conflict when Tehran alleged that Iraqi air raids on the border town of Baneh – in the hills of Kurdistan – had killed or wounded more than 400 civilians.

A few hours later, the Iranian state news agency grimly announced a list of Iraqi towns which would be subjected to retaliatory attack, warning their inhabitants to save their lives by fleeing their homes immediately.

It was, by any standards, a chilling day in the 44 months of war between Iran and Iraq. It began with Baghdad bracing itself for a powerful Ramadan offensive by Iranian troops and revolutionary guards east of the southern Iraqi city of Basra. It ended with the Arab Gulf states fearful that Iran might strike at Saudi Arabia, or its vulnerable allies in the Gulf Cooperation Council, in revenge for the destruction of the Iranian jet by the Saudis.

Baghdad may well have launched its own air raids in an attempt to deflect the predicted Iranian land assault. By dusk, there were no reports that the towns singled out for revenge by Tehran – Basra, Sadiya, Mosul, Khandaqin, Al-Amarah, Kut, Kirkuk, Mandali, Baaqouba, Ali Gharbi and Zurbatiya – had been bombed. For their part, the Iraqis later issued a list of 15 Iranian towns which would, they claimed, be raided in retaliation for the proposed Iranian targets.

A source close to the Pentagon said Saudi F15s attacked two Iranian F4s and brought down one over Saudi territorial waters with a radar-homing Sparrow air-to-air missile (Reuter reports from Washington).

The dogfight reprted by the Saudis also had serious implications for the Americans since Saudi sources enthusiastically acknowledged that the four Awacs surveillance aircraft, manned by US pilots, had first picked up the Iranian plane on their radar screens.

In a statement which was as much in sorrow as anger, the Saudi Defence Ministry said that "the incident, no doubt, is strange and and we denounce it . . . In the interest of protecting security in the region, we hope this incident will not recur."

According to the ministry, the Awacs detected the Iranian jet – referred to throughout the statement as a target – shortly after midday as it approached the north-eastern Saudi coastline.

The country's anti-aircraft defences at first tried to warn the jet to return north, but when it failed to do so, the Saudi Royal Air Force, presumably flying the American-built F15 fighters, which are among its front-line forces, engaged the plane and shot it down. Defence Ministry officials in Riyadh said it crashed into Gulf waters.

There was some scepticism among Gulf states last night about just what happened in the engagement. The Saudi announcement of the dogfight was couched in a curiously vague Arabic which attributed the statement to informed sources within the Defence Ministry – as if the ministry itself did not want to take responsibility.

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The Prince of Wales taking the salute at Ranville cemetery yesterday.

Case for new laws 'boosted by pits strike

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Ministers closely involved in the miners' dispute believe it has strengthened the case for changes to the laws on unlawful assembly which would enable swift deterrent action against violent picketing in future serious disputes.

They are satisfied with the operation of the criminal law during the strike and fully support the National Coal Board's decision not to take advantage of the civil law.

However, they appear strongly to favour legislation implementing the Law Commission's recommendation, delivered last October, to replace the common law offence of unlawful assembly with two new offences. One would cover violence by small groups against people and property, and the other threats of violence.

The main attractions of the commission's proposals to ministers are that they would enable such offences to be dealt with summarily in magistrates' courts and that in long disputes, such as the present one the sentences might prove a strong deterrent to others.

The present common law offence is triable only on indictment and its deterrent value is strictly limited because cases would usually come to a crown court after the dispute had finished. The two new offences would be triable both in crown courts and by magistrates.

The commission proposed a first new offence to be known as "violent disorder".

Under a suggested Bill drafted by the commission a defendant would commit the offence by using unlawful violence provided that two or more others present were themselves using or threatening unlawful violence. The maximum penalty would be five years' jail.

The second, less serious, offence would cover the use of threats rather than actual violence.

It would require the presence together of three or more people using words or behaviour likely or intended to cause others to fear or provoke violence. The maximum penalty proposed is two years' jail.

Ministers believe legislation introducing the new offences could form part of a package that may follow from the present review of the Public Order Act by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary.

Meanwhile there appears little enthusiam among ministers for the proposal reported to have been made by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, to withdraw immunities from unions involved in strikes taken without secret ballots of members.

Mr King was apparently asked yesterday to explain his remarks at a meeting of the Cabinet's emergency committee on the coal dispute chaired by the Prime Minister.

He appears to have had an uncomfortable meeting denying newspaper reports suggesting he favoured ballot majorities of all members entitled to vote.

His colleagues, however, are less than keen on the whole idea of further civil legislation and it seems possible that it will be quietly forgotten.

Ministers remain content that the coal board has not used employment laws passed by the present Government to seek civil redress for unlawful picketing.

They are unwilling that anything should be done which might risk alienating the Nottinghamshire miners and believe that that might happen if large fines were imposed on the National Union of Mineworkers and if the courts were to order the sequestration of its assets.

Ministers, however, attach the highest importance to the actions brought by miners in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire against their union to win the right to cross picket lines and to to work without reprisals.

Ministers closely involved are apparently more confident than ever about the eventual outcome of the dispute.

● Yesterday Mr Neil Kinnock said Mrs Thatcher told Mr King he was "out of step" in announcing that a majority vote would be needed before a union could sanction a strike

He said: "That was a King clang – so much of a clang that the Prime Minister pulled him back".

Pressure on interest rates eases

Pressure on the banks to raise interest rates eased again after much better than expected money supply figures for May. Sterling M3 rose by about 0.75 per cent, about half as fast as many expected. Page 17

Anger over RUC prosecution

Mr Alan Wright, chairman of the Police Federation in Northern Ireland has demanded to know why three Royal Ulster Constabulary officers cleared of murdering a Provisional IRA terrorist were brought to trial

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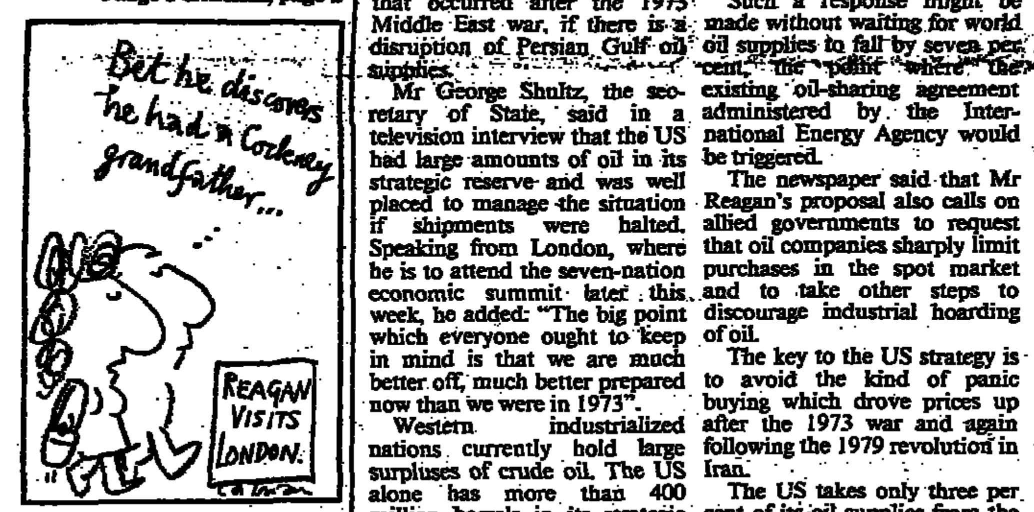

Hart grounded

A chartered Boeing 707 carrying Senator Gary Hart, Democratic presidential candidate, and his entourage to Los Angeles made an emergency landing at Philadelphia after an engine caught fire Last primaries, page 6

Kinnock slips

Public satisfaction with Nr Neil Kinnock as Labour leader has declined. A MORI poll showed 37 per cent satisfied, against 43 per cent in March.

Mother's fund

The mother of one of the Britons missing after the Marques sinking wants to set up a fund to help young people learn to sail Inquiry begins, page 6

Short stay

Gordon Jago has been dismissed by Queen's Park Rangers, the first division football club, a week after being appointed as general manager Page 22

US seeks to allay fears of oil crisis

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

As Iran and Iraq braced themselves for a new round of full-scale warfare on the Basra front, the Reagan Administration yesterday sought to allay fears that the world could face a new oil crisis, similar to the one that occurred after the 1973 Middle East war, if there is a disruption of Persian Gulf oil supplies.

Mr George Shultz, the secretary of State, said in a television interview that the US had large amounts of oil in its strategic reserve and was well placed to manage the situation if shipments were halted. Speaking from London, where he is to attend the seven-nation economic summit later this week, he added: "The big point which everyone ought to keep in mind is that we are much better off, much better prepared now than we were in 1973".

Western industrialized nations currently hold large surpluses of crude oil. The US alone has more than 400 million barrels in its strategic reserve and has said it would be prepared to sell some of this oil to foreign bidders if the Gulf is closed.

The Gulf Crisis, and the impact it could have on the west's oil supplies, will be among the main topics discussed at the London summit which begins on Friday.

According to a front-page report in the *New York Times*, President Reagan will place before the summit a US plan calling for joint allied action in the event of a significant disruption in oil supplies.

The plan calls for Europe and Japan to draw quickly on their own stocks of crude oil to avoid a sudden shortage in the wholesale and retail markets.

Such a response might be made without waiting for world oil supplies to fall by seven per cent, the point where the existing oil-sharing agreement administered by the International Energy Agency would be triggered.

The newspaper said that Mr Reagan's proposal also calls on allied governments to request that oil companies sharply limit purchases in the spot market and to take other steps to discourage industrial hoarding of oil.

The key to the US strategy is to avoid the kind of panic buying which drove prices up after the 1973 war and again following the 1979 revolution in Iran.

The US takes only three per cent of its oil supplies from the Gulf, far less than western Europe or Japan. However, it is recognized that the US cannot isolate its market from the world one if Gulf supplies are interrupted.

Meanwhile, the Defence Department has sent to Saudi Arabia a new Awacs surveillance aircraft equipped with radar which can detect ships as well as planes. The new plane will improve the ability of Saudi fighters to defend tankers and other ships in the Gulf.

UK to seek blacklist of diplomats

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

President Reagan got down to serious talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher last night as senior British officials tried to dispel fears that the forthcoming London meeting of heads of government would be a no-action summit. East-West relations and the Gulf war are expected to dominate Mr Reagan's planned hour of talks in Downing Street and the following working dinner.

Earlier, British officials rejected American interpretations that the summit would be better termed the "laid-back summit" unlikely to achieve anything except electioneering advantage for President Reagan.

● **Blacklist:** Britain is planning to raise the question of a diplomatic 'blacklist' at the summit (Henry Stanhope writes).

An international agreement under which governments would refuse entry to envoys expelled elswwhere for involvement in terrorism will be discussed, probably on the initiative of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, revealed British support for such a proposal when addressing a European conference in Madrid last week.

Along with similar questions on better communications and the surveillance of diplomatic bags, the diplomatic blacklist is now expected to come up

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Paratroops repeat Normandy landing

From Michael Horsnell, Ranville

The Prince of Wales and a swarm of Red Berets dropped into Normandy yesterday – the Prince by helicopter – after filling the skies with an aerial salute to the paratroopers of the Sixth Airborne Division who paved the way for the Liberation of Europe 40 years ago.

After a moving ceremony later in the British War Cemetery at the tiny village of Ranville, the first to be liberated on D-Day, Prince Charles, who is Colonel in Chief of the Parachute Regiment, thanked the 2,000 veterans present for bringing peace to his generation.

And he went on to pay solemn homage to those who gave their lives in the French Resistance.

Against the Cross of Sacrifice in the cemetery, where 2,563 servicemen are buried, he laid a wreath of red roses, signed "Charles" and bearing the inscription "in memory of those who gave their lives for their country".

His Royal Highness arrived in a helicopter of the Queen's Flight in the original dropping zone at Ranville where in the early hours of June 6, 1944, thousands of paratroopers descended to secure the eastern flank of the British invasion beaches.

The courage of the men who fought here resulted in a formidable hinge on which the entire Allied armies were to pivot and break out of the Normandy beachhead, to swoop on Paris and ultimately the heart of Germany.

Not even the IRA, which had daubed the memorial to the 13th Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, and the walls of the cemetery with Republic slogans, could spoil this royal D-Day anniversary.

But security was tight as armed police, many from the CRS special mobile security force, cordoned off the village. British paratroops had stood guard overnight outside the memorial and the church after the IRA slogans were painted out on Monday night on the instructions of the mayor, M Charles Bouhier, to prevent their reappearance.

The mayor had personally removed IRA posters on the town hall wall attacking Mrs Margaret Thatcher as a murderer and torturer.

Dressed in the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Parachute Regiment, Prince Charles arrived by helicopter on the *village football pitch*, which was part of the D-Day dropping zone, to watch a drop by 68 paratroopers of D company, 2 Battalion, 33 of whom served in the Falklands.

The troops who dropped from two RAF Hercules preceded by a symbolically-appropriate Dakota, were led by Lt-Col David Chaundler, who took command of 2 Para from the late Colonel H. Jones, VC, after his death in the Falklands.

Prince Charles was escorted throughout by General Sir Nigel Poett, who was commander of 5 Parachute Brigade

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Post Office union defers action as talks progress

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Fears of widespread disruption of postal services receded yesterday after progress in pay talks between the 200,000-strong Union of Communications Workers and the Post Office. The union has decided to defer industrial action pending a meeting of the union's executive today.

The Post Office said there had been encouraging progress in talks yesterday afternon which followed a meeting of UCW leaders in the morning.

Unofficial action in protest at a 4¼ per cent pay offer and in support of a demand for a 5.2 per cent increase and a shorter working week, has already disrupted services.

But the Post Office, along with British Telecom and the National Giro Bank, still faces industrial action from the Post Office Engineering Union.

Reagan gun guard not new

By Anthony Bevins and Stewart Tendler

The Prime Minister told the Commons yesterday that foreign bodyguards had been allowed to carry guns before President Reagan's current visit to London.

Mrs Thatcher said: "We are of course ultimately responsible for the security of visiting statesmen to London. We do not in fact discuss security matters. Decisions are taken after full consultation and in the light of all the circumstances."

Bu she added: "I am advised that in this case no precedent was broken."

The fact that Mrs Thatcher had to be advised by officials suggests that the precedent might well have been set under a previous administration. It is unlikely that she had not previously been informed of such a decision since becoming Prime Minister.

It has been suggested by a senior Labour source that Israeli security men were allowed to carry weapons while guarding Mrs Golda Meir in London.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's home affairs spokesman, who said yesterday that he had consulted people about the matter, added: "While there may have been occasions when people came here surreptitiously with bodyguards armed, to the memory of the people involved, there has been no specific approval before".

He then denounced the decision to let President Reagan's bodyguard carry guns as an insult to the Metropolitan Police.

Meanwhile, senior Whitehall sources were clearly upset that police sources had made the decision public. They said that the Government had been persuaded that because of the attempt on his life, President Reagan was a special case and that the decision had been take by the police because of the exceptional circumstances.

The Prime Minister's statement suggested that President Reagan was not so exceptional, and other Whitehall sources said that the initiative had not been taken by the police.

After Foreign Office exchanges with the State Department, the Home Office wrote to Sir Kenneth Newman, the commissioner, asking if he would be willing to authorize the carrying of weapons by the President's guards.

That letter had been taken as a considered and formal request from the Govenment, which it would have been difficult for the commissioner to refuse.

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Piggott in pre-Derby rift

Lester Piggott, seeking to equal Frank Buckle's all-time classic record of 27 victories on Alphabatim, the Derby second favourite at Epsom today, has announced he is to part company with the top Flat trainer Henry Cecil at the end of the season.

Piggott, the 11-times champion jockey said, the split was inevitable because of the growing row with cecil's main owner, the french millionaire Daniel Wildenstein.

Wildenstein vowed that Piggott, aged 48, would never again ride for him after the jockey turned down a winning ride on his filly All Along in last season's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

The derby has attracted 17 runners with Creag-an-Sger a late absentee.

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Orchestra censures Karajan's conduct

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra is on the point of a complete break with Herbert von Karajan, its chief conductor for many years.

After a crisis meeting on Monday to discuss his sudden cancellation of a planned concert with the Berlin Philharmonic in Slazburg on June 11, the orchestra sent him a stiffly worded leter, made public yesterday, in which he was accused of breaking the terms of his artistic agreement.

The players demanded an explanation for his decision to give the same concert in Salzburg with the Vienna Philharmonic instead.

Only two of the 100-member orchstra held back form condemning Herr von Karajan's refusal to answer their earlier telegram urging him to reconsider his decision. The players said such behaviour had not occurred in a century, and they warned the 76-year-old conductor he would have to face the consequences.

The dispute, which has been brewing for several years and flared up again last month when Sabine Meyer, a clarinettist and Herr von Karajan's protégée, resigned after a controversial probationary year, threatens to bring to an end the conductor's fruitful association with the famous orchestra.

A spokesman of Herr Volker Hassemer Brelin's cultural senator, who is trying to mediate, said the latest developments had been unfortunate.

The spokesman suggested the conductor might use a clause in his contract with the City of Berlin, which allows him to step down whenever he chooses after the age of 65.

Von Karajan: booked a double date.

Death of woman brings plant blast toll to 15

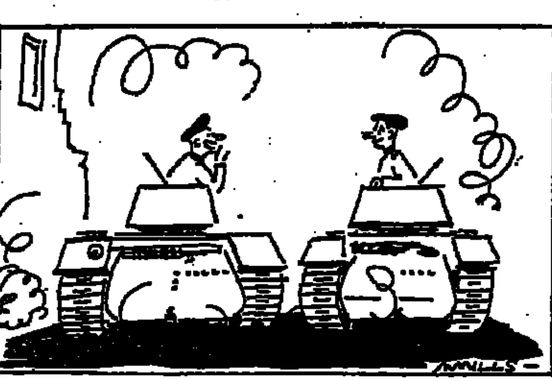
The death of the fifteenth victim of the Abbeystead water plant explosion leaves 25 people still in hospital suffering from burns and injuries.

Royal Preston Hospital announced yesterday that Mrs Penny Weild, aged 47, of Blackpool Road, St Michael's on Wyre, died on Sunday night from her injuries. Her husband Frank, who accompanied her on the village trip to the underground water station near Lancaster on May 23, was in the same hospital and his condition was said to be comfortable.

"I suppose you realize you're driving on the wrong side of the road?

"Frankly, this is ridiculous."

"The ironic part is that it's no change – I used to come here every year."



"If we hurry we should be able to capture it in time for the Nine o'clock News."

"Our position as neutrals is becoming increasingly difficult."

" . . . In der ole kitbag Und schmeil, schmeil, schmeil . . ."

D-Day humour: It is easy, Alan Coren says, to read the facts of the event but by seeing the kind of jokes people were making, you get a much better idea of what they were actually feeling.

This is why *Punch*, which he edits comes out today with some 30 cartoons first seen in the summer of 1944, a selection of which are shown above. War, Mr Coren adds, has always been fertile *ground* for cartoonists.

The areas of taboo and inhibition have probably changed "You won't find many sexual jokes in the 40-year-old cartoons", he says.

Queen sails to D-Day ceremony

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh set sail from Portsmouth last night in the Royal Yacht Britannia for today's fortieth anniversary celebrations of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Britannia was due to berth a Caen at 7am this morning, after which the Queen will visit the Commonwealth war graves cemetery at Bayeux, Utah Beach, the Canadian cemetery at Bény-sur-Mer and the British Normandy veterans' parade at Arromanches. The Royal couple will fly home from Normandy and are expected back this evening.

Their visit to Portsmouth last night began at HMS Dryad, the shore-based establishment at Havant, where they saw the map room used by General Eisenhower as his headquarters for the landings.

They also saw a Royal Navy exhibition of the 1982 San Carlos landings in the Falklands campaign and met officers of HMS Dryad and their wives at a garden party.

They were received on the jetty at Portsmouth by the city's Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and embarked on Britannia after two presentations. The yacht set sail at 7pm and was escorted from the harbour by the Trinity House vessel Patricia.

● After the Prince of Wales had completed his formal D-Day duties in Ranville, Normondy, yesterday he began a walkabout, first down a row of former senior officers.

He asked Brigadier Edwin Slavell, aged 86, who lives in Eastbourne, Sussex, if he was getting enough calvados to drink. He replied: "I have managed to have one or two."

The Prince met wheelchair-bound Mr Patrick Nilan, aged 67, from Little Alton, near Bolton, Lancashire, who served with 8 Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, and lost his right leg in a mortar bast three days after the Allied landing.

He joked with Mrs Elisabeth Poole, aged, 39, from London, whose father died while her mother, Val, was only four months pregnant.

"Prince Charles said I was surely too young to know my father", Mrs Poole, who ws with her mother and aunt, said.

"I said I was just a twinkle in his eye and Prince Charles replied: 'What a twinkle".

South coast cities vie for the honours

By Kenneth Gosling

The South Coast cities of Portsmouth and Southampton will be en fête today and for the rest of the week to mark their part in the preparations of D-Day.

Portsmouth today will have a fly-past of Second World War aircaraft, a spectacular march-past, a military tattoo, and a concert at the Guildhall in the evening.

More than 1,200 service and ex-service personnel will take part in the march-past in Guildhall Square, where the salute will be taken by Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, C-in-C Naval Home Command.

The cities have vied with one another in events and celebrities.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Today: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend fortieth anniversary celebrations in Normandy.
2.35 pm: Lay wreath at Bayeux Cemetery.
3.50 pm: Join other heads of state at Utah Beach memorial service.
6.15 pm: Review veterans' march-past, Arromanches.
Portsmouth: 10 am: British Legion ceremony at D-Day Stone, Canoe Lake.
12.30 Pm: March-past, Guildhall Square, with fly-past.
5.30 pm: Military tattoo, Southsea Castle field.
7.30 pm: D-Day concert, Guildhall. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by Radio Victory.
Southampton: 7.45 pm: Concert in Guildhall with the Syd Lawrence Orchestra.

The television coverage today will include a number of special features:

The BBC will have a direct breakfast time relay from Arronanches

ITN will carry much of its background material on the British and American airborne landings between noon and 1pm

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Hamburger Tageblatt
ZEITUNG DER NATIONALSOZIALISTISCHEN DEUTSCHEN ARBEITERPARTEI
Nr. 153 — 16. Jahrgang
Die Invasion hat begonnen!
Ueberraschungsmoment mißlungen — Artilleriekämpfe mit Schlachtschiffen — Viele Fallschirmeinheiten aufgerieben

Who was Britain fooling?

It took British Intelligence two years of elaborate planning to divert German attention away from the true site of the D-Day landings 40 years ago today (Kenneth Gosling writes). But were the Germans really deceived?

Or, as this newspaper headline from the Hamburger Tageblatt of June, 1944, proclaims, were they perfectly clear about the Allies' intentions?

The heading screams, THE INVASION HAS BEGUN! And in the smaller type it says, "Surprise element fails – artillery duels with battleships – many parachute units destroyed".

The report is credited to DNB by the German news bureau, Deutsches Nachrichtenbüro, in which seems to have been in no doubt that this was indeed the real thing whereas historians have said that Hitler and certainly some of his generals thought it nerely a diversionary attack as the Allies wanted them to believe.

THE ENEMY BEGINS ITS BLOODY SACRIFECE, a sub–heading reads. Below, the report says the attack, "so often announced", had begun.

Earlier, the report says: "Nowhere was the defence taken by surprise.

So was it a surprise, or was this reaction carefully prepared to boost morale at home?

Judge praises police who shot terrorists

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Director of Public Prosecutions was criticized by a judge in Belfast yesterday in a controversial judgment during which he praised the courage of three police officers whom he had earlier acquitted of murdering a Provisional IRA terrorist.

Lord Jusitce Gibson also attacked the original presentation of the Crown case, saying that at a preliminary hearing the magistrate had been left with a false picture of the circumstances of the shooting in which three terrorists died.

He told Belfast Crown Court that the prosecution of three Royal Ulster Constabulary officers had been brought on tenuous evidence. "There never was the slimmest chance that the Crown could have hoped to secure a conviction", he said.

On Monday Lord Justice Gibson had acquitted a seargeant and two constables of murdering Eugene Toman at Lurgan, co Armagh, 18 months ago.

Sgt William Montgomery, aged 28, and constables, Mr David Brannigan, aged 35, and Mr Frederick Robinson, aged 26, had been accused of murdering Toman, who died with fellow Provisional IRA men Sean Burns and Gervais McKerr when the police fired on their car.

The car had crashed through a police roadblock and was pursued. It was hit by at least 100 gunshots fired by the three officers

Toman Burns had been wanted for questioning about a land-mine explosion which had killed three officers.

The judge said that having heard the Crown case, he regarded each of the accused as "absolutely blameless".

He commended them "for their courage and determination in bringing the three deceased men to justice, in this case to the final court of justice".

Lord Justice Gibson said that although it was not his role to investigate the motive or intention of those bringing the prosecution, there was an additional personal security risk to the men now their identities had been made public. There were wider implications, too, for the police and Army.

He asked: "When a policeman or soldier is ordered to arrest a dangerous criminal and, on the basis of his order, to bring him back dead or alive, how is he to consider his conduct now?

Teachers' pay scale talks fail

By Colin Hughes

Hopes of restructuring the salaries of 440,000 teachers next year faded yesterday when unions and employers failed to reach agreement after three days of private talks in Plymouth.

The negotiations are, in theory, separate from the dispute over this year's pay rise, but the promise of restructuring has been held out by employers as the best way of achieving the teachers' long-term aim of restoring pay to levels enjoyed by other professionals.

Unions and employers have reached broad agreement over ending the present structure of five scales. Within each scale teachers are paid on a complex points system, depending on qualifications, size and type of school, experience and duties.

The system proposed would replace it with two grades for classroom teachers. A three-year entry grade for new recruits would be followed by an assessment on whether they should graduate to main professional grade.

But teachers' unions refused to accept any proposals until management said what salaries they thought the professional grade should receive.

Three-day selective strikes by more than 5,000 National Union of Teachers members closed nearly 200 schools in 50 local authorities yesterday.

Selective strikes by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, continued in eight local authorities.

● Fears that more than 15 per cent of state-funded boarding school places will be closed by the end of this year for local reasons prompted Miss Joan Sadler, chairman of the Boarding Schools Association, to call for a national policy.

● Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is to consider introducing the United States system of course credits

Damage could close pit in a week

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Barony Colliery in Scotland could be closed within seven days unless the National Union of Mineworkers allow its members to repair damaged roadways and coal faces, the National Coalboard said yesterday.

Mr Bert Wheeler, Scottish Area Director of the National Coal Board, said after meeting community leaders that the pit which employs 650 men in Ayrshire could close because of deteriation in conditions.

His statement came as 11 people were remanded in custody after clashes between pickets and police at Ramsgate harbour in Kent. Fighting broke out as oil for Richborough power station was being unloaded.

In South Yorkshire six pits are threatened by a revised strategy by the British Steel Corporation's Scunthorpe works, which has been drawn up because of the miners' strike.

Even before the strike began the BSC in Scunthorpe was carrying out tests with Polish coal to see if it was suitable for use at the works.

● A 28m order for three new British-built coal carrying ships has been placed by the CEGB to ferry coal from North-east pits to Thameside power stations. The ships are to be built by Govan Shipbuilders on the Clyde.

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Electricity potential of old water power sites

By David Nicholson-Lord

Electricity generation using water power could be increased fourfold in England if old or neglected sites were used by farmers and landowners for small-scale hydroelectric plants, it was claimed at a meeting of the Watt Committee on Energy yesterday.

The committee, an independent body representing 65 professional organizations, is publishing later this year a report on small-scale hydro power. The estimate of potential resources was given to its meeting by Professor Eric Wilson, professor of hydraulic engineering at Salford University and a leading expert in the field.

In the UK as a whole there were about 500 sites which could provide a power output of as little as five kilowatts and still make a profit. The electricity could be used privately or sold to the national grid.

Existing hydroelectric power generation in England was 20 million units a year. But small plants on new sites could provide an extra 160 milion units, 75 million of which would be classed as economically viable, Professor Wilson said.

£105,840 for candlesticks

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

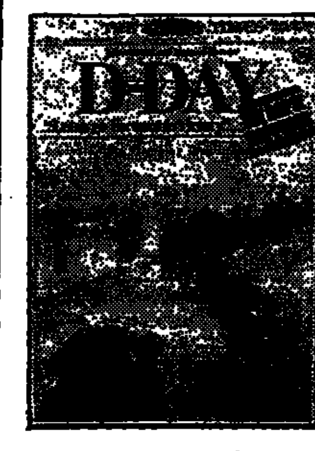
Koopman and Armitage, the two silver dealers who have been making a point of buying all the best silver that comes on the market, swooped on St Osyth Priory in Essex yesterday and spent £105,840 (estimate £40,000 to £60,000) at Christie's sale of the contents. They acquired a set of four handsome candlesticks made by George Wickes in 1733, each of which can be converted into a candelabra

Mr Jacques Koopman said that he did not consider the price particularly high; he had been prepared to give almost double. Mr Koopman had helped to form the superb silver collection of Mr Muhammed Mahdi Al Tajir, the London ambassador of the United Arab Emirates and one of the world's richest men. His most important purchases generally find their way to this collection.

D-Day Times now on sale

A special reprinted edition of *The Times* commemorating the D–Day landings officially is now on sale The reproduction of the 10-page paper of June 7, 1944, contains the first news of the assault by the Allied armada on the beaches of Normandy.

The newspaper reports that the British, United States and Canadian armies had advanced several miles inland "after the greatest operation of its kind in history" and carries dispatches from correspondents on land and with the Royal Air Force pounding coastal defences.



In a packed and excited House of Commons Winston Churchill reports that the invasion is proceeding in "a thoroughly satisfactory manner". King George VI, broadcasting to his people, calls repeatedly for prayer, "a nationwide, perchance a world-wide, vigil of prayer as the great crusade sets forth".

For its part *The Times* is measured, full of relief at the success of the operation and apprehension of what lies ahead. "This is a solemn hour in the life of all the allied nations, an hour for a searching of hearts," it says.

The newspaper is full of the tragedy of the years of war, with lengthy lists of airmen killed in action. Alongside them the luckier ones announce their forthcoming marriages, including an American with his war bride.

The late London edition of *The Times* of June 7, 1944, is on sale at 75p, contained within a four-page wrap-around comprising photographs with assessments of the invasion by Brigadier Peter Young, a young Lieutenant Colonel at Normandy 40 years ago, and by Rear-Admiral Edward Gueritz, a beachmaster on Sword beach. The paper is also available direct from Dept D-Day, 20/22 Bedfordbury, Covent Garden, London, WC2. £1 (inc p & p).

Conservation clash over 'glass giant'

By Ngaio Crequer

A public inquiry was told yesterday that the Prince of Wales should be brought in to object to a proposed 21-storey office block near the City of London Mansion House, as he has called it "a giant glass stump better suited to downtown Chicago".

Mr Jeremy Sullivan, for the City of London, opened forthe objectors at the resumed inquiry, suggested, with some merriment, that he would head the queue for the Prince to be subpoenaed as a key witness.

The proposal is for a 290ft glass and steel office block, the relocation of shops underground and a new public square.

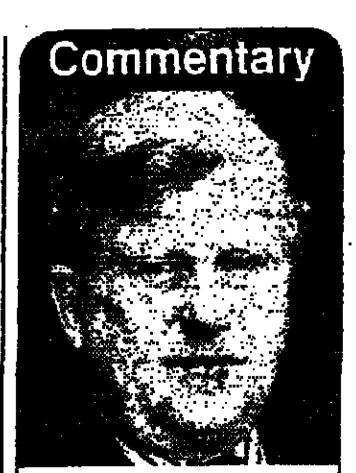
Mr Murphy said the proposal would negate the City's policy for preservation and conservation in this unique area.

He predicted: "It would become increasingly difficult to prevent a spread of high buildings closer to St Paul's Catherdral".

Mr Peter Boydell, for the developers, said: "Isn't it virtually unprecedented to find such a galaxy of stars' names from the world of architecture to press this scheme so vehemently?"

Mr Murphy replied: "The world galaxy usually refers to the stars, which are usually a long way away from the scheme".

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The D-Day celebrations commemorate the high point of the Anglo-American special relationship. This was the last time that a great enterprise was founded upon collaboration between our two countries.

We remain allies and partners, but no longer so exclusively. Nato could not be described, like the Normandy landings, as an essentially Anglo-American operation which others have joined.

The change is partly desirable and certainly inevitable.

It is desirable that other countries in western Europe should be playing such a large part in Nato. The West would be weaker if it had to depend upon the joint activity of Britain and the United States.

It is also inevitable that the world has moved on.

The United States not only has important European allies apart from Britain. It also has great and growing interests in other areas of the world apart from Europe.

Central and Latin Amerian claim more attention than ever before. The Middle East is a cause of perpetual anxiety. The Pacific is seen as the region of economic opportunity.

Britain, for its part, has developed new ties in the European Community.

This diversification of interests abroad has been accompanied by a transfer of influence at home. In both countries power has largely passed from the generation which experienced the intimacy of shared danger in the wartime alliance.

In the United States, it has also moved west and south, away from the Atlantic seaboard establishment many of whom were closer to Britain than to their own west coast in their intellectual background and international perspective.

Deception over invasion

These changes make it harder to match expectations to today's reality. This was particularly evident over Grenada, which is still a cause of considerable bitterness among British ministers.

The Unites States Administration was deliberately secretive about the operation until the evening before the invasion, after Sir Geoffrey Howe had told the House of Commons that he had no reason to think that American military intervention was likely.

There was almost certainly an element of calculated deception, but the British Government made that deception easier because it assumed that the terms of the special relationship required the United States to consult Britain before making a decision. It therefore accepted assurances at too low a level.

This assumption was based, however, upon a misreading not only of what the relationship is today but also of what it has been for a good many years.

Anglo-American consultation at the time of the Cuban crisis in 1962 is generally regarded as having been exceptionally close. But it began only after the critical decision had been taken to impose a blockade, rather than to make an air strike or launch an invasion, following five days of intensive argument among the special group of advisers whom President Kennedy assembled to consider the American response.

Britain no longer has the power to be treated as an equal whose agreement has to be secured in times of crisis.

Yet it is an equally serious mistake to go to the other extreme and conclude that Britain, therefore, has no *influence* these days in the United States.

Power disparity is too great

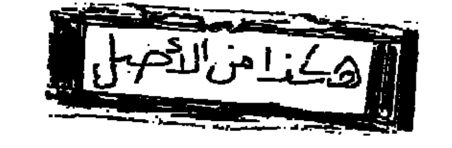
There remains a warmth of sentiment in both countries towards the other. One might doubt that sometimes if one judged by the spate of anti-American criticism that is now fashionable in Britain.

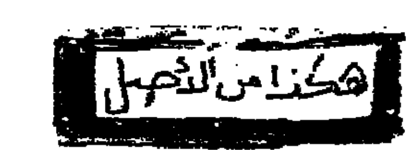
But a poll conducted by Gallup a couple of months ago showed that America is still far more widely regarded than any other country as Britian's best friend, being chosen by 36 per cent, compared with 9 per-cent for its nearest rival, West Germany.

In the United States these days to be British is a social asset.

This friendship continues to offer Britain exceptional opportunites for quiet persuasion. But the disparity in power has become so great that we shall not again enjoy the diplomatic clout with the United States that we possessed 40 years ago.

In more ways than one D-Day will not dawn again.





Early-evening ratings war likely if BBC replaces 'Sixty Minutes'

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

An early-evening ratings battle will be signalled by the BBC this week with the announcement of the fate of its *Sixty Minutes* programme, which took over from *Nationwide* last autumn.

Journalists on *Sixty Minutes* believe that the corporation is about to kill it competely or replace it with a shorter news and current affairs section, making way for more popular light entertainment beginning at about 6.20pm. A chat show hosted by Terry Wogan and a soap opera are among the early-evening innovations being considered by the BBC in an attempt to win back viewers.

The independent television companies, who are obliged to carry the ITN news at 5.45 and a regional magazine programme, usually lasting 30 minutes, from 6pm, are unwilling to be left behind if the BBC takes the initiative in introducing light entertainment at that time.

According to one independent television executive last night, the commercial stations would immediately seek permission from the Independent Broadcasting Authority to match the BBC move if it started to win viewers.

Programme schedulers on both sides believe that the channel which can win the most viewers during the early evening is more likely to hold on to them for later programmes.

The BBC said yesterday that predictions that *Sixty Minutes* would end, possibly by the end of July, were "purely speculative", but those working on the programme believe that a decision abou its future is imminent.

Mr Michael Grade, whose appointment as the new controller of BBC1 was announced last week, is believed to have been involved in discussions for some weeks about changing the channel's format.

The BBC has dropped its weekend chat show, *Saturday Night Affair*, after only two howings. The show, which was in the form of a party hosted by a different celebrity each week, was condemned by television critics and performed badly in the ratings.

Its place will be taken on Saturday by shoeing the late film earlier than originally scheduled.

BBC advertising denial

The spectre of privatization crossed the BBC again yesterday with a report that ministers were pressing for Radio 1 and 2 to carry advertisements.

But the BBC said it was unaware of such proposals and would not comment until they were made public.

The Home Office, which instigates broadcasting policy, said: "We have no plans to change the licence fee system, the structure of the BBC, or introduce advertising".

However, political circles confirmed that the idea of advertising on Radio 1 and 2 had influential supporters in the Government, although it was agreed that it was politically unacceptable to introduce commercials on BBC television.

The case for privatization was put in a report from the Adam Smith Institute this year. "The time has come to change the BBC from a monolithic corporation, constantly lacking resources, to an association of independent and separately financed stations, operating under the BBC board of governors".

TV editor stays

● TV-am's editor, Mr Clive Jones, who was this week thought to be on the verge of resigning, told staff yesterday that he was staying.

A member of the Indian High Commission peering past police protectors yesterday (Photograph: John Manning).

Indian High Commission attacked by Sikhs

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard yesterday increased protection for India House, the Indian High Commissioner's offices in Aldwych, central London, after Sikh protesters attacked the building. Windows were smashed and a firebomb was thrown into the building.

Three of the staff were treated for cuts and bruises after the attack.

Mr David Sutherland, doorman at the Waldorf Hotel opposite, said that one policeman was on duty at the main door of India House when a group of Sikhs appeared.

He said that the men used chains to smash windows at the side of the building and then started breaking the plate glass windows at the front. An incendiary device was thrown and the curtains at one window caught fire.

Later a group of Sikhs told journalists that the atack had been part of a protest against the Indian government's actions in Punjab.

One man said: "They are representatives of the government of India. Until they stop killing Sikhs we will go on doing this."

A demonstration was held ouide India House two weeks ago

● The Foreign Office said last night that it deeply regretted the incident (our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

The Indian High Commission had asked on the previous day for more protection for its diplomatic premises and this request was passed on to the police, the Foreign Office said.

● Leaders of Britain's Sikh community, the largest outside India, are planning a demonstration in London, possibly on Sunday, in support of Sikhs fighting government forces in Punjab.

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Video prices for dealers reduced

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

One of the largest video distributors has reduced its prices to dealers in what it says is, an attempt to halt an increasing number of collapses in the video retail business.

CIC Video plans to cut the dealer price of more than 100 new films, which include titles such as *Jaws 3*, *Footloose* and *Terms of Endearment*, from the present level of more than £30 to £24.50.

The company believes that the price cut is unlikely to be passed on to the customer but will be used to enable struggling retailers to remain in business. It said yesterday that it was concerned about dealers who are trading unprofitably.

Mr Laurie Hall, CIC's managing director, said: "Prices for films of over £35 are simply no longer justifiable.

"The dealer finds it difficult enough to make a penny or two on the best films sold at this price level, but when one considers the mass of really inferior titles sold at over £30 it is not surprising that the dealer is losing money.

"On top titles at high prices the dealer struggles to recover his investment and even then really does not make profits. In any event he can never afford to buy very many copies of these titles and therefore can never properly reap the rewards

CIC experimented with low dealer prices last year when it released *Raiders of the Lost Ark* at a dealer price of £13.50.

Translation by computer service

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Microcomputer owners will be able to send messages electronically and have them translated into a European language by a service launched yesterday by Cable & Wireless.

The scheme, called Easylink, will operate through the telephone lines of British Telecom and is a joint venture with the American telecommunications group, Western Union, which runs the system in the United States.

Cable & Wireless is to invest £5m over three years for its 75 per cent stake.

The system initially will go into service in the greater London area this month and will gradually be extended nationally. Translations will be offered in French and German, performed initially by human translators. In two months Spanish and Italian will be added and within nine months all four languages will be translated by computer.

Users can send messages to other users on the network or to those with telex numbers, routeing their messages through the company's computer.

● The Government yesterday approved four high technology programmes costing £35m during the next five years. They are part of the £350m national research programme on advanced information technology.

Each of the projects will cost between £7m and £9m, of which the Government will pay half the industrial costs and 100 per cent of any university research.

Bomb inquiry moves to Spain

By John Witherow

A man wanted for questioning about the murder of a Kent housewife who died after a parcel bomb exploded at her home is believed to have fled to Spain.

Kent police, who described the man as dangerous, said they had alerted Interpol to help in the search for the killer of Mrs Barbara Harrold, who died from injuries a week after a tube packed with nails exploded in her hands at Ightham, near Sevenoaks, on May 21.

The man, who is in his 50s, was seen at Bearsted post office on the outskirts of Maidstone where the bomb was posted three days before the explosion.

The motive for the bombing is still uncertain

The development in the murder hunt occurred during the weekend when police searched a house near Maidstone where the man had been staying. They found equipment thought to have been used by the bomber

The police are withholding the man's name for operational reasons but said that "he is known to be an Englishman who was in possession of a Spanish-registered car

£800 fines for wrong bra labels

Lingerie manufacturers Berlei were yesterday fined £800 after admitting a number of trades description offences.

Magistrates in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, were told that the Slough based company sold bras which were labelled "cotton for comfort", "soft cup cotton", and "100 per cent cotton".

But Warwickshire Trading Standards Department said that tests on six bras bought from stores and from a mail order catalogue all contained less than 20 per cent cotton.

Mr Paul Waterworth, for Berlei, blamed the errors on "over-enthusiastic marketing workers".

Berlei admitted six charges of false description and were fined £800 and ordered to pay £400 costs.

Union condemns use of weedkiller

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government's refusal to ban the use of herbicides containing the dioxin-based chemical 245-T, was criticized in a report yesterday by the agricultural workers' branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

The report lists 27 cases of death, cancer, birth deformities, miscarriages and skin diseases among employees and their families who have been in contact with 245-T.

It draws analogies with Agent Orange used to defoliate jungles in the Vietnam War, and the agreement by United States chemical companies to pay $180m to veterans.

The report says that the use of 245-T is banned in some European countries, and more than a hundred British local authorities and employers, including British Rail and the National Coal Board, are committed to using other weedkillers.

Since an accident at a Coalite plant in Derbyshire in 1968 and the explosion at Seveso, Italy, in 1976, the manufacture of 245-T has been largely discontinued.

However, Mr Chris Kaufman, one of the report's co-authors, said huge stocks remained in Britiain and other countries. It was widely use in agrochemicals and weedkillers sold for domestiic garden use.

Mr Chris Major, director of the British Agrochemicals Association, said it was unfair to compare dioxin in weedkillers with Agent Orange, in which concentrations were up to 4,500 times as strong.

Strada Abarth: Competitor for Golf GTi

Fiat's fast challenger

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The fastest Fiat to be sold in Britain was launched yesterday to lead the Italian group's fight to reverse years of falling sales.

The two-litre Strada Abarth 130TC is to compete with the Volkswagen Golf GTi, long-established high performance sports hatchback.

Both cars have a maximum speed of about 118 mph, but the new Fiat engine tuned by Abarth, its widely-respected competition cars subsidiary, enables it to accelerate to 60mph in fewer than eight seconds, compared with the Golf's 8.7 seconds.

That puts it in the same class as many sports cars with twice its power, giving it an edge in the fast-growing sports hatchback sector.

The British market increased from 20,000 in 1982, to 44,000 last year.

Fiat Abarths are so popular in Europe that production does not meet demand. However, Fiat UK's need for an image booster has persuaded Turin to divert Abarths.

The Abarth 130 TC costs £7,800 – £67 less than the Golf GT; But £1,023 more than the Ford Escort XR3i.

Choir girls ban forces resignation

A cathedral choirmaster has resigned after 26 years over a plan to ban girls from his choir.

Mr Harrison Oxley, choirmaster and organist at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, told church leaders he had "no alternative" but to resign.

The cathedral choir girls have been told they may be able to join a "second division" choir to be called the St Edmundsbury Singers. But Mr Oxley, who has worked at the cathedral since 1958, said the girls should be given equal opportunity with boys to sing in the main choir.

Canon Geoffrey Tarris, Cathedral precentor, yesterday denied that the plan to phase out girl choristers was "sexist".

"We believe there is a basic difference between girls' and boys' voices, and it has nothing to do with equal opportunities or whether girls can sing as well as boys", he said.

St Edmundsbury has 21 girl choristers, aged between 11 and 18 and 21 boys, and is the only cathedral in England that still has girls in the choir.

Fixed-price tickets for Royal Opera

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Royal Opera House announced yesterday a new fixed-price ticket scheme which, it claims, will make Covent Garden one of the least expensive leading opera houses in the West.

The scheme, which will be introduced as an experiment at the opening of the new season in September, will fix the most expensive tickets at £34 compared with the present maximum of £49.50. But 40 per cent of the opera's seats will cost £10 or less.

The company is maintaining its income by upgrading a number of middle-price seats into the top-class category. The £34 maximum will apply to 704 seats instead of the present 138 at the top rate.

The new policy rationalizes the complicated six-price schedule where admission varied from performance to performance, and the maximum price could range from £19 to £49.50.

"The previous system was difficult for the general public to understand, complicated to administer and put some of the Royal Opera's performances out of reach of the regular operagoer," the company said yesterday.

If the present ticket scheme were to continue, a maximum price of £52 would have been introduced within months for some performances, the company added.

The variable-price system at Covent Garden has been criticized in the past for the way it introduced premium tickets for world-class performances.

The high prices can also lead to unrealistic expectations, as the company discovered at the weekend when its expensive production of *Aida*, featuring Luciano Pavarotti, proved less successful than expected and was greeted by a level of booing rarely seen outside Italy.

The Opera House yesterday announced eight new productions during the 1984-85 season yesterday: *Tannhäuser*, *Der Rosenkavalier*, *Manon*, *Samson*, *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, *Ariadne auf Naxos*, *La Donna del Lago*, and *Turandot*. Revivals will include *Tosca*, *Don Pasquale*, *Carmen*, *Boris Godunov*, *Don Giovanni*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*, *Don Carlos*, *King Priam*, *Andrea Chénier*, *Samson et Dalila*, *La Bohème*, *Così fan tutte*, and *Macbeth*.

The season opens on September 1 with the London premiere of *Turandot* which inaugurates the 1984 Olympic Arts Festival in Los Angeles

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Comprehensive and candid talks with Botha

SOUTH AFRICA

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, told the Commons during stormy exchanges about her meeting with Mr P. W. Botha, Prime Minister of South Africa, at the weekend that her decision to invite him to Britain and to talk to him had been right. Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said that the visit had given enormous satisfaction to the South African Government and the friends of apartheid.

During Mr Kinnock's long question following Mrs Thatcher's statement, Conservative protests increased in volume and eventually many backbench Conservative MPs walked out of the Chamber.

In her statement, Mrs Thatcher said there had been discussions for more than five hours. The meeting had been a working one and discussions had been comprehensive and candid, covering the problems of southern Africa, as a whole, including Namibia. There had been considerable discussion of the internal situation in South Africa.

I made clear to Mr Botha (she said) our desire to see peaceful solutions to all the region's problems.

On Namibia, we agreed that early independence was desirable and should be achieved as soon as possible under peaceful conditions.

We also agreed that all foreign forces should be withdrawn from the countries in southern Africa so that their peoples can settle their destinies without outside interference. The withdrawal of South African forces from Angola is an important first step in this process.

On the internal situation in South Africa, I expressed our strongly-held views on apartheid. I told Mr Botha of my particular concern at the practice of forced removals and raised the question of the continued detention of Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mr Botha gave me an account of his Government's recent constitutional measures and of the appointment of a Cabinet Committee to make proposals for the political future of the black population outside the homelands.

I believe that the South African Prime Minister now understands much more clearly where HM Government stands on all the major issues.

My talks with Mr Botha are part of the process through which we and other western and African countries must continue to press for the sort of changes we all want to see in southern Africa.

Mr Kinnock: The invitation to and reception of Mr Botha has given enormous satisfaction to the South African Government and to friends of apartheid. It has also given grave offence to millions of people in Britain – (Conservativ protests) – and throughout the Commonwealth and indeed in many other parts of the world.

Reports of her meeting with Prime Minister Botha that have been published and broadcast in South Africa differ so radically from the reports provided in Britain as to be an insult to her and the spokespersons who gave the reports on her behalf, especially since I recognize and so do other Labour MPs that, as an individual, she is strong in her condemnation of the vile system of apartheid.

This is the first visit by a South African Prime Minister to Britain for 23 years and constitutes a diplomatic coup for the South African Government.

Why, unlike her three Conservative predecessors over that period, did she issue an invitation to Prime Minister Botha and what has changed in the view of this Government compared with that previously taken by Conservative Governments?

Was there any consultation with our Commonwealth partners before the visit and if not, why was there no such consultation?

While the benefit to South Africa of this visit is obvious, can she identify any compensating improvements from the visit for the cause of human rights or political freedom in South Africa or for human rights, political freedom or self-determination of other countries in southern Africa?

Her decision to invite Mr Botha was wrong and remains wrong and anything she conveyed on Saturday could equally clearly and forcefully have been conveyed by means other than an invitation and accommodation of the Prime Minister of apartheid.

Mrs Thatcher: The Opposition believes it wrong to have dialogue with countries whose internal policies are not ours and with whose policies we disagree because they deny human rights. I do not see how they can urge me to have dialogue with the Soviet Union and not with South Africa. That is a characteristic example of double standards.

This was the first such visit for 22 years. Mr Botha had an official invitation to Portugal and was received by the socialist Prime Minister there. He had talks in Switzerland where he was received by the President. Today he is in Bonn where he was received by Chancellor Kohl.

Does Mr Kinnock want us to be the only country he is not talking with, with the enormous strategic importance of South Africa to this country? I suppose that is of little concern to Mr Kinnock.

The decision to invite Mr Botha and to talk to him was right.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: Those of us who believe this visit was a fundamental mistake are gratified that Mr Botha was hurried in and out of this country without ceremony like some undesirable package.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): David Owen went to South Africa.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): Would Mr Skinner refrain from these constant interruptions from a sedentary position. I think they are boring the whole House.

Mr Steel: Was Mrs Thatcher surprised at the propaganda for South Africa on Mr Botha's visit, or was it expected?

Does she expect the United Nations timetable to be kept to? Was any progress made on the detention of Nelson Mandella? With reference to the black population, is she following in the line of setting up these puppet black states within the territory of South Africa?

Steel: Was she surprised at the propaganda?

Mrs Thatcher: I know Dr Owen visited South Africa when he was Labour's Foreign Secretary and had conversations with Mr Botha. I believe the independence of Namibia must come within the terms of UN Resolution 435.

There is nothing new to report on Mr Mandella.

On the constitutional changes, one has to recognize that there has been more change in the lifetime of the present South African Government than during its predecessors.

A Cabinet committee has been set up to look at the constitutional future outside the homelands.

Sir Anthony Kershaw (Stroud, C): Will Mrs Thatcher consider asking Mr Chernenko for a conversation and, if he comes, will she ask how Dr Sakharov is getting on?

Mrs Thatcher: Not yet. Sir Geoffrey Howe is going to Moscow to see Mr Gromyko in July.

Dr Sakharov is in need of medical treatment and so is his wife. We do have dialogue with countries which have no human rights as we know them.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): The reason South Africa is different from other dictatorships is that it is the only system where people are discriminated against from birth onwards simply because of the colour of thier skin.

Mrs Thatcher: There are many, many people in South Africa working for a system that does not discriminate against people because of the colour of their skin.

I am the first to say that discrimination based on the colour of the skin is utterly and totally wrong.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP): What quid pro quo did the Government receive for the enormous benefit that accrued from the Botha visit?

There is ample evidence that the armed forces of South Africa are amply sustained through the activities of the British and Israelis.

Mrs Thatcher: We have honoured the United Nations arms embargo against South Africa. We shall continue to do so. No request for arms was made. I hope he will not continue to make that accusation against the British Government.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab): Did she specifically raise with Mr Botha the well-documented examples of activities by the South African security services from their embassy in London? Have all the links between the British and South African security services been broken and has she given instructions that the British security services are to prevent a repetition of what has happened in the past?

Mrs Thatcher: We do not discuss security matters in the House. We have frequently made it clear to the South African Government that an embassy is for diplomatic purposes only. They are well aware of that and particularly so since the Libyan episode.

Money poured into mines

COAL DISPUTE

There was total condemnation of violence and intimidation in the mining dispute, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister stated during Commons questioning. She added that she understood this condemnation was echoed at least in certain parts of the Opposition.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab) said that in view of the Prime Minister's scathing remarks about miners and picketing, the reasons for all this lay clearly at the door of the Government which was responsible for stopping 4 million people from going to work.

Mrs Thatcher said that the miners had been offered pay increases higher than those already accepted by power, gas and water workers, giving them 25 per cent above the average industrial wage. In addition, the Government had poured in investment of more than £2m a day into the mines so that the miners could have safer, and more productive pits.

There had been no compulsory redundancies and the payments provided on voluntary redundancy were the best ever.

The Government had seen to it that those industries that wanted to convert from oil to coal for energy had subsidies, and they were responding well until the strike came along.

That is why the strike is losing jobs, not creating them (she said).

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C) said Tyne County Council was to give £100,000 to striking miners and their families. His own county council in Durham was giving another £25,000.

It is outrageous (he said) that my constituents, who are already subsidizing miners in high cost pits through their taxes, should have to support through the rates miners who are idle of their own accord.

Mrs Thatcher said she agreed. Councils had no money of their own. All they did have was money taken from ratepayers. The National Coal Board was subsidizing the NUM and all those working in the mining industry to the extent of £130 a person per year.

Tax relief to stay on mortgages

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister dismissed as "absolute poppycock" the suggestion made by the Labour Party that the Government was to remove mortgage interest tax relief when she answered a question from Mr Hal Miller (Bromsgrove, C).

He had also asked for her comment on the claim made by Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of the Labour group in the European Parliament, at an election briefing last week, that the Government was planning to impose VAT on food.

Mrs Thatcher said that that smear scare about VAT was produced at every election and was not true. The object was to take attention away from Labour's own policies in the European election.

Speaker rules "fascist" to be unparliamentary term

PROCEDURE

"Fascist" was an unparliamentary term and should not be applied to any MP, the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) ruled in the Commons after heated exchanges following the Prime Minister's statement on Mr P. W. Botha's visit to Britain.

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab) admitted he had called Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) a fascist and repeated it, adding that Mr Marlow was an authoritarian, and an anti-semite. He repeatedly refused to withdraw it, saying his conscience would not allow him to do so and that he had said the same to Mr Marlow personally.

The Speaker urged the House to dispose of the matter in a civilized manner. The word "fascist" had a particular connotation in Britain and had a reverberation back to an anniversary being celebrated tomorrow (Wednesday).

Eventually Dr Miller agreed to withdraw his remark.

There were further exchanges after Mr David Nellist (Coventry, South East, Lab) said he had been called a red fascist by Mr John Selwyn Gummer on an earlier occasion and no request for that to be withdrawn had been made.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab) said the Speaker recently chose to examine the records of an incident several days after it had taken place. Mr Norman Atkinson (Tottenham, Lab) had on that occasion been asked to withdraw a remark he made about the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (Mr Norman Tebbit) and a similar examination of the records should be made by the Speaker in this case before he made a final ruling.

The Speaker said complaints must be raised at the relevant time and the House could not possibly go back to the record weeks or months later.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said the word "fascist" was used with passion and sincerity but it was a matter of perception and philosophy. He asked the Speaker to pause for reflection before making a final ruling.

The Speaker said that in relation to the discussions in the House today everybody knew exactly what the phrase was intended to mean. Nobody should impune dishonour to another MP and, in using that word today, that was what was intended. He therefore ruled it unparliamentary and hoped MPs would not use it in the House.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) said the Speaker should reconsider his ruling as there were openly fascist parties fighting elections to Parliament and it could therefore not be unparliamentary to use the term in the House.

The Speaker said it was true there were fascist parties in elections but they had not been elected to the House.

The dispute had begun during Mr Kinnock's long question following the Prime Minister's statement on her talks with Mr P. W. Botha. At the end of that question during which there had been much shouting across the Chamber, Mr Stefan Terlezki (Cardiff, West, C) said that Mr Gerald Kaufman (Manchester, Gorton, Lab) had called him a fascist.

I expect him to apologize and withdraw (he said).

Mr Kaufman said he was not sure who Mr Terlezki was, but Conservative MPs had been heckling Mr Kinnock on racialist grounds.

At the request of the Speaker Mr Kaufman withdrew the word fascist but not the word racialist.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Agricultural Holdings Bill, remaining stages. **Lords (2.30):** Debate on successor to Lomé Convention. Video Recordings Bill, report. Debate on the Lebanon.

Examination data problem eased

DATA PROTECTION

A Government new clause added to the Data Protection Bill when it began its report stage in the Commons is designed to alleviate the problems which right of public access would otherwise present to examining bodies in schools, universities and professional bodies before examination results are announced.

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, moving the new clause which he said covered points on which all parties had agreed during the Committee stage, said school examination bodies faced the greatest problems because they had to work to a tight timetable in order to produce results by the middle of the summer required to enable decisions to be taken on which students were to be accepted for higher education and also needed by prospective employers. Examining bodies worked at full stretch for perhaps two or three months in order to announce results by the end of August.

Marks were put on to a computer and moderated in various ways according to the standards applied in the examination. The process could be disrupted by requests for data and the announcement of results delayed to the disadvantage of all concerned.

The new clause therefore specified that access would not be afforded until five months from the beginning of the examination period, which might be as early as April, or the end of 40 days after the announcement of results, whichever war earlier.

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on Home afairs, said concessions had been made which improved the Bill considerably.

Howell: Governmet have got it about right

Significant changes concerned the damages available for individuals who were occasioned distress by reason of inaccuracy in the data which was held; safeguards given to the individual concerning third parties' access to information; the obligation on the Registrar to investigate complaints of substance; and the duty on the Registrar to encourage codes of practice.

Difficulty still remained over the personal information provided by medical practitioners about patients. While the Opposition welcomed the agreement which had been reached between the BMA and the DHSS, they regretted that the protection for doctors and the use of medical information had not been extended into the social services sphere.

He believed the Government had got it about right in the new clause as it allowed students access to examination results while setting out a timetable which recorded the complexity of the system.

The new clause was agreed to.

Progress of Bills

The Norwich City Council and Swavesey Bye-Ways Bills were read a second time in the Commons. The British Railways (No 2) Bill was read the third time.

Bill to make press reveal payments to informants

JOURNALISM

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) was given leave to bring in a Bill intended to make the practice of cheque book journalism less prevalent. Under his Bill newspapers would be required to declare where a payment, other than to a journalist or regular contributor, had been made for a story, how much had been paid, and to whom.

Mr Dubs said cheque book journalism had caused a great deal of concern to many people. Many journalists were unhappy about it and both the National Union of Journalists and the Press Council had condemned the practice.

The purpose of the Bill was not to make cheque book journalism illegal. It was intended to give the public the right to know when cheque book journalism took place.

If (he said) newspapers are obliged to reveal whenever they have paid large sums of money – over £500 – they might well find it embarrassing and therefore desist from the practice.

He understood from talking to journalists in Fleet Street that the practice had become so prevalent that members of the public assumed, when they had stories, that large sums of money would be given in return.

There were examples of where payments were made to witnesses, or people who were likely to become witnesses, in court cases. Such a payment was almost inevitably bound to interfere with the course of justice.

Payments had also been made to criminals or people associated with them, as in the Yorkshire Ripper case, and payments had been made by newspapers in return for monopoly rights to a story.

In the example of Zola Budd one newspaper had bought a monopoly of stories about her, an athlete of considerable interest to the public at large.

Sometimes there were beneficial results from cheque book journalism. Some years ago the thalidomide scandal was revealed as a result of a payment by a newspaper.

Charity cash might not be capped

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government is to examine a suggestion that money spent by local authorities on registered charities should be exempt when rate capping is bing considered, Lord Bellwin, Minister for Local Government, said in the House of Lords. A good case had been made out for this concession, he said during the report stage of the Rates Bill.

He said he would look at an amendment proposed by Lady Faithfull (C) exempting expenditure on registered charities from rate capping considerations to see if the Government could bring back an amendment that would go, if not all the way, at least some of the way to meeting the point.

But (he said) either you believe that local authorities have a right to decide on what they spend their money or you do not. By taking anything out you are deciding at a central point what the priorities are for local government spending.

There was no reason to assume that local authorities would decide their first cuts would be in grants to charities although that might be what they were saying now.

I do not happen to believe (he said) that when the chips are down that will be their decision.

Lady Faithful said the fear was that local authorities in considering cuts in expenditure would look first at grants made to voluntary organizations such as Citizens' Advice Bureaux and the NSPCC.

In the case of the CAB the Government was recommending a grant of £1m to the central organizations so there would be an anomaly if, at the same time, local councils were to cut funds to this sector.

By restricting the exemption to charities registered with the Charity Commissioners it would get round the objection that money was going to unworthy causes.

Competitiveness will create jobs

UNEMPLOYMENT

The present rate of unemployment was far too high but the prospect of creating more jobs could now be seen at last as a result of the Government taking steps to ensure a more secure and competitive economy, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said in the Commons after indicating that the latest figures showed a total number of 3,084,457 unemployed people in the UK, corresponding to an unemployment rate of 12.9 per cent.

Mr King was replying to a question from **Mr Edward Loyden** (Liverpool, Garston, Lab) who called the figures appalling and said the Government's obscene policies ought now to be abandoned in the interests of the unemployed.

Sir Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington, C) asked: Will he reaffirm a statement he made recently that if British home industries were able to recapture something like their share of the market of a decade ago about 1.25m extra jobs would be created in this country?

Mr King: He is right. That is the figure. If you look, for instance, at the simple statistics on import penetration by foreign cars, not many years ago it was about 10 per cent and it is now over 50 per cent. That tells its own story.

It is only on the basis of Britain having an efficient and competitive industry that we can begin to have the opportunity of creating the jobs we need in this country.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): Will the recent increase in interest rates and the forecast of even higher interest rates lead to no drop in the level of unemployment? What has he got to say to the unemployed about their prospects for the future?

Mr King: I am not going to comment on the interest situation except to say that obviously rises will not be helpful were they to occur. I am struck by looking at the last unemployment figures by what is certainly an encouraging figure for vacancies which appear to be rising again.

Yesterday (Monday) in the short time I spent in South Wales, all the firms I visited were expecting to increase their labour forces this year.

Mr Nigel Forman (Carshalton and Wallington, C): Will he take early steps to extend the excellent enterprise allowance scheme which has already proved itself a very worthwhile measure?

Mr King: I certainly believe this is one of the most effective of the special employment measures we have introduced. It has been extremely successful and we are keeping the matter under very close review as to whether it would be possible to extend the funding for it.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab): The Government believes mass unemployment is necessary to boost profits in order to hold down wages and, if profits are made with the abolition of exchange control, many of those profits are exported abroad denying employment to people in this country.

Mr King: My memory goes back long enough to remember a certain Minister of Technology who was trying to encourage the need for better productivity in this country. It is very sad to see how he is now happy to abandon the principles for which he once fought.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): Most of us accept that unemployment is one of the great tragedies that afflicts this country, but would he accept that disputes like that of the miners at present when the country is going to be asked to put £1,300m in is going to be at the cost of other people's jobs and unless it is settled other people's jobs will be lost to feed Mr Scargill's ambitions?

Mr King: The present dispute is a tragedy in terms of the effect it can have and the fact that a lot of people are not getting earnings they could otherwise be entitled to and the economy has not been strengthened in the way it could be.

It is symbolic that the coal board have made the first delivery against the contract for Durham coke and I think it is a tragedy that that coke did not come from Durham.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on employment: The memories of many MPs will go back to a time when the Conservative Party would have been deeply ashamed to preside over three million unemployed. If the economy keeps recovering, why does unemployment keep rising?

Mr King: He does no service to the problem faced by the unemployed by pretending there is some simple wand that can be waved and pretending it is a problem faced uniquely by this Conservative Government. At a time when we face 12.9 per cent unemployed, the rates in Belgium are 18.5 per cent, Netherlands 17.9 per cent, Ireland 16.8 per cent, and Italy 13.2 per cent.

President's armed guards not setting precedent

REAGAN VISIT

It was not withour precedent that two of Pesident Reagan's secret service bodyguards had been allowed to carry guns during his London visit, Mrs Thatcher the Prime Minister told the Commons in replying to Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L) who asked her to confirm "that there are at the moment armed troops of the United States on British soil, authorized to use those arms in London."

Mr Hughes asked what other countries would be authorized to bring their troops to Britain and allowed to use their armed forces here. Would it not be an ideal opportunity (he asked) to discuss with President Reagan the question of dual control for once?

Mrs Thatcher: I think that question was somewhat confused from beginning to end. We ae, of course, ultimately responsible for the security of visiting statesment to London. We do not discuss security matters. Decisions are taken after full consultations and in the light of all the circumstances.

I am advised that in this case the precedant was broken.

On the question of dual control, Mrs Thatcher said there was agreement in the light of the deployment of cruise missiles that no missile could be fired from British soil without the approval of the Prime Minister.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) said there was growing concern that American ships carrying sea-based cruise missiles would soon be using British ports.

The concern was based partly on the fact that such weapons were beyond verification and, therefore, represented a major escalation in the arms race.

What assurance could the Prime Minister give that the House and the country would be given their chance to say whether ships carrying these weapons would be allowed to call at British ports?

Mrs Thatcher: We do belong to the Western alliance and there is nothing unusual in ships carrying nuclear weapons calling at our ports.

Strong voice in Europe has obtained £2,000m

EEC REBATE

Mrs Margret Thatcher Prime Minister denied an assertion by Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, in the Commons that she now depended wholly on Chancellor Kohl of West Germany for Britain's £457m rebate from the EEC.

Mr Kinnock, during question, asked: Does she recall that at her Euro election press conference yesterday (Monday) she showed that she depands entirely on the presidency of Chancellor Kohl o be able to obtain the rebate due to Britain? I that is so, does it mean that she now expects no settlement at the Fontainbleu summit?

Mrs Thatcher: No, Chancellor Kohl was chairman at the Stuttgart conference under which that was agreed in the communique. I do not depend wholly on him but regard it as an agreement reached by all heads of government, to be honoured before the end of this year.

Mr Kinnock asked whether the Prime Minister did not understand or was trying deliberately to evade the point. It was 4½ years since she said at the Dublin summit that she was not going to play Sister Bountiful ot the Community, that it was our money and that a permanent and just settlement must be secured.

It was feeble to be extending the deadline for the third time in a year, relying entirely on German faith and German honour, both of which he fully respected.

Is this (he asked) what she means about a strong voice in Europe?

Mrs Thatcher: A strong voice in Europe has already obtained refunds to this country of £2000m. (Conservative cheers)

Mr Kinnock said the Prime Minister was evading the fact that she had made a net contribution of £5000m.

By comparison (he added) the rebate is starting to look a little slim.

Mrs Thatcher asked why the Labour Government had not renegotiated Mr Kinnock could not get over the fact that this Conservative Goverment had obtained £2000m for Britain. He wanted to withdraw from Europe and lose two million jobs in doing so.

Health service cuts compared favourably with Europe

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspodent

The Conservatives have been much less tough in imposing health service cuts than other European governments, according to Professor Brian Abel-Smith, Professor of Social Administration at the London School of Economics.

Professor Abel-Smith, special adviser to Mrs Barbara Castle and Dr David Ennals when they were Labour Secretaries of State for Social Services, said that the media picture of the health service in the past five years was "one of successive cuts, increased charges, and long queues for vital services."

"In parctice, however, the cuts have largely been in previously planned levels of growth. Overall spending of the NHS has increased considerably"

Charges, particularly for drugs, had risen more than inflation, but no new charges had been introduced.

Professor Abel-Smith said other European countries' growth in health spending had run well ahead of Britain's but they have had to take really vigouous action to contain costs in the past two or three years.

Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands have introduced or increased charges for in-paients, for example, while Denmmark is reducing hospital spending to the 1980 level. In Italy, budgets were cut in real terms in 1982 and 1983.

Professor Abel-Smith says that Britain starts from a much lower base than European counterparts, and spends appreciably less of its GNP on health.

Between 1966 and 1975, spending as a share of national resources rose by about 2.8 per cent a year. In the rest of Europe, it rose by between 3.5 and 7.4 per cent.

Between 1977 and 1982, however, the British figure rose to 3.1 per cent, while it declined markedly in most of the rest of Europe.

Cost Containment in Health Care: (Bedford Square Press £5.95; or £6.70 by post from Macdonald Evans, Estover Road, Plymouth PL6 7PZ)

Researchers go back to work at Kew

By Tony Samstag

The Public Record Office at Kew, west London, reopened for business yesterday after being closed for more than 10 weeks while £100,000 was spent on disinfecting the air-conditioning. For a small group of professional researchers and much larger numbers of students or authors concerned with departments of government from about 1800, it was an important day.

Those among the staff of 250 who work in the highly controlled atmosphere of the depository, mostly carrying requested documents to and fro, had started falling ill with an influenza-like illness at the beginning of March. The office was closed for 10 days and then reopened, only to close again on March 21 for an all-out attack on the responsible micro-organisms.

At first the illnesses, which included several collapses on the office floor, were attributed to "humidifier fever". The latest word from Health and Safety Executive scientists was that organisms known as *Klebdiella* were the culprits.

For those who use the office regularly – the "readers" as they are known – the individual cost of the closure was sometimes very high.

Mrs Mary Pain (left) and Mrs Judith Farrington back yesterday at Kew (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Mrs Mary Pain, of Chelsea, is a pensioner who has put her experience in cipher work at Bletchley Park to good use earning a little extra income as a research agent. Although she believes "there are not enough hours in a day to make a living" at such painstaking work, she said she had suffered terribly without the extra cash

Another research agent, Mrs Judith Farrington, of Chiswick, said that about 20 such workers used Kew regularly. Most, were married or had other sources of income; few, if any, made a living entirely from research

Mr John Bumsted, of Winnipeg, Canada, was typical of those who had been hardest hit by the closure of the Public Record Office. He had come to London to research a book on British immigration to Canada, had been caught by surprise and now had only two weeks remaining in which to do six weeks' planned work.

The building at Kew, designed by the Property Services Agency and completed in 1977, is the most modern of the Public Record Office's London repositories; the others are at Chancery Lane, Portugal Street, and Hayes.

The Health and Safety Executive said last week that it now considered the building safe.

Overfishing danger to Falklands

By A Staff Reporter

The fishing grounds off the Falkland Islands, among the richest in the world, are in danger of over fishing by foreign trawlers, the Falkland Islands Foundation said last night.

Mr Simon Lyster, secretary of the foundation, told the Anglo-Argentine Society in London that because the British Government had refrained from declaring a 200-mile fisheries zone around the Falklands, foreign trawlers were "free to take as much fish as they can catch just three miles beyond the coastline without any restrictions and without paying Briain or the Falklanders anything".

Although the Foreign Office feared that declaring a fishery zone might upset Argentina at a still delicate stage in relations with Britain, Mr Lyster said that the Argentines had at least as big a stake in preserving Falklands fish stocks as the British or the islanders had.

Falklands waters were "one of the largest remaining rich fishing grounds in the world where there are no controls on catch limits

Princess's butler fined £50

A former royal butler sought publicity by claiming the manuscript of his book about his four years at Buckingham Palace and at Princess Anne's Gloucestershire home had been stolen, a court was told yesterday.

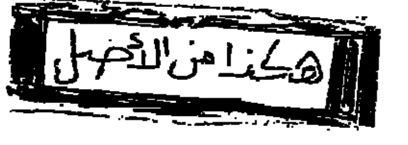
For a total of 31½ hours Andrew Lightwood, aged 22, occupied seven detectives, Mr Andrew Peeples, for the prosecution, told magistrates at Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan.

Lightwood, of Heol, Frenhines, Bridgend, who admitted wasting police time, was fined £50 and ordered to pay £50 costs.

Miss Liz Thomson, for the defence, said that after royal service Lightwood was advised by the press to write a book but interest waned after an injunction banning publication. A foreign journalist suggested the theft story to revive interest.

Reservoir open

Mr Ian Gow, the Minister for Housing and Construction, yesterday opened the £10m reservoir complex at Colliford Lake, near St Neot, Cornwall.



Ridley aims for fares war on European air routes

By Our Political Staff

The Government is trying to start a price war between airlines in Europe, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, told a European election press conference at Conservative Central Office in London yesterday.

Looking extremely pleased about the prospect, Mr Ridley assured reporters that the media had misinterpreted the recent hitch in negotiations with the Dutch Government over cheap air fares from London to Amsterdam.

There had been no failure, no retraction by the Dutch. The plan for British Airways and KLM to reduce the club class return fare to Amsterdam from £149 to 49 was going ahead he said. "Indeed, Virgin Atlantic have even offered a £20 fare", he added.

That was confirmed by Virgin Atlantic, which opens its £99 single service from London to Newark, New Jersey, on June 22.

Virgin said that, subject to government approval, the airline would extend the New York service to Maastricht, Holland. A £20 single fare would be offered from London to Maastrich.

Explaining what he called a minor setback in the bilateral negotiations with the Dutch Government, Mr Ridley said that British Caledonian had followed up the BA and KLM decision with the offer of a £49 return fare to Holland under "more liberal conditions" for passengers.

The Dutch Government had asked that these conditions, which concerned booking arrangements and the length of stay in Holland, should be brought into line with the arrangements agreed between BA and KLM.

Mr Ridley said he had started new negotiations with the Dutch Government which would bring further benefits to travellers, but these would not be finished before June 14.

"We expect that travellers from Germany, Belgium and France will prefer to travel to Amsterdam to catch the cheap flights to London, rather than travel direct from their own capitals."

"That is the sort of breakthrough which I hope will set up a price war in air fares in Europe. It is a hope, but not a certainty."

Mr Ridley said that it had not been easy to break down the resistance of some ministers in the Council to liberalizing air transport. He was not contemplating a complete deregulation as in the United States. There would be safeguards.

It would be a hard slog, but both airlines and passengers would benefit because far more people would be able to afford to travel.

Mr Ridley welcomed the latest proposals from the Commmission, although they did not go far enough.

Mr Ridley said that the present overregulated system of air transport was quite unsupportable. "Consumers are dissatisfied and the airlines are unprofitable. States have to produce subsidies needlessly. Regulation keeps competition out, resulting in too many seats chasing too few people . . .

"I believe there are millions of potential travellers in Europe who long to fly, if only governments would allow them."

In contrast, Mr Ridley said, wherever deregulation had occurred it had been a phenomenal success, in America, on British domestic services, and in the charter market.

● Labour's "hidden manifesto" was raised by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who said that Mr Neil Kinnock's proposal for a new Messina conference to draw up a new Treaty of Rome had been omitted from the party's published manifesto.

Constituency profile: London Central

Campaigning among tourists

By David Cross

"Hello, Pimlico Road. This is Adam Fergusson, your Conservative candidate . . . Hello Ebury Street. Please come out on June 14 and vote Conservitave in the European election."

With less than two weeks to go before polling day, the amplified voice of Mr Fergusson resounding from the back of a beat-up Land-Rover as it tours the streets of central London in search of voters has a plaintive edge to it. Like the other four candidates in this, one of the most marginal of the capital's ten European Parliament seats, Mr Fergusson knows only too well that he has to "wake people up and persuade them to come out and vote".

Campaigning in the huge London Central constituency, which runs from Fulham in the south to Islington in the north, is a mindboggling tast, as all four candidates readily admit. Simply sifting local voters from among the tourists, commuters, shoppers and students is a serious logistical problem at this time of year.

Mr Fergusson, a journalist and member of the European Parliament for Strathclyde West during the past five years, calculates on spending just over two days in each of the nine Westminster constituencies during the current campaign. Like most other sitting MEPs he was able to start his campaign in earnest only after the last plenary sitting of the European Parliament, which ended on May 25.

A committed European specializing in political and international affairs, he is anxious to discuss the finer points of the European Community with potential voters. He listens patiently to the views of those who oppose Mrs Thatcher's tough approach to Britain's partners in the Community, before explaining gently that without it Britain would have lost the budget argument long ago.

"Is there anything you want to know about the Community?" he askes the owner of a boutique in one of the smarter parts of Bayswater. "No thank you," she responds firmly with a flattered smile," but I shall vote for you". Mr Fergusson looks relieved.

He is, however, less polite about his Labour and Alliance opponents. Mr Stan Newens, former Westminster Labour MP for Epping and Harlow, is committed to nuclear disarmament, anti-EEC and anti-Nato, he says. "How people can ask for votes when they don't believe in it is beyond me," he says. As for Mr Ernest Wistrich, the SDP candidate and director of the European Movement, he is too much of a committed European federalist to represent the views of Londoners in Strasbourg, Mr Fergusson says.

While acknowledging that he was totally opposed to Britain's EEC entry terms, Mr Newens argues that the whole question of withdrawal will not come up again until the next general election.

At his election rallies, Mr Newens is fond of pointing to the "madness" of the Community's farm policy. All it needs now is an entervention board to buy up pineapples at £50 a time from greenhouse growers in the Pennines, he tells his audience amid loud chuckles and much applause.

On a more serious note, he says that he intends to fight for more funds from the EEC's social fund to ease the plight of the jobless in Britain's inner cities. With unemployment in the constituency currently running at about 18.5 per cent, he believes there is much more that a Labour MEP can do to get much-needed grants

Finally, he is asking voters to "give a massive vote of no confidence in Mrs Thatcher's policies on jobs, health, housing and the welfare system".

Mr Wistrich, who fought the 1979 European election as a Labour candidate before leaving the party because of its opposition to the EEC, believes that his impeccable European credentials will stand him in good stead in June 14

With one of the largest and most active Alliance memberships in the country, he has been able to canvass voters more diligently than many of his colleagues.

The Ecology Party, which is fielding 16 candidates acoross the country, also expects to do well in London central. Its candidate, Mr Johnathan Porritt, a co-chairman of the party, scored more than 6,000 votes in the last European election.

On paper, the Labour Party needs a 4.2 per cent swing against the Conservatives and the Alliance a 9.5 per cent shift if either of them is to win. In a tough three-cornered fight, turnout will undoubtedly be the determining factor.

Disenchantment in Denmark

A country divided into three parts

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Disenchanted Danes vote in the firsr round of the European parliamentary elections on June 14 along with Britian, the Netherlands, and Eire. After the British, the Danes are clearly the most dissatisfied of the Ten with the European Community in general, and the fledgling parliament in Strasbourg in particular.

A recent EEC Eurobarometer opinion poll revealed that the Danes, second only to the British, want to see the limited powers of the European legislature in Strasbourg further reduced rather than enhanced. As if to underline the point, the Danish parliament (Folketing) went on summer recess at the end of May with an overwhelming 134 members out of 179 voting resoundingly for a resolution reiterating Denmark's anti-European political union, pro-right-of-veto-stance in Market politics.

Mr Glistrup: Jailed joker in the pack

Broadly speaking, Eurobarometers consistently show that Denmark – which is a net beneficiary of EEC membership and enjoys the highest standard of living in the Community – is divided into three equal groups on Europe – pro-Marketeers, anti-Marketeers, and those neither for nor against, each representing around 30 per cent of the population.

Denmark's quirky reluctance over matters European can be seen in its representation in the outgoing European parliament, where four of the country's 16 allocated seats were occupied by the People's Anti-EEC Movement, a motley cross-party formation, another five seats being held either by other directory anti-Market parties (the leftist Socialist People's Party, and Greenlandic Siumut, both with one mandate) or lukewarm supporters of the EEC (Social Democrats with three seats).

The pro-Market Conservative-Liberal-led coalition government now in power in Denmark held six seats in Strasbourg, with the anti-tax yet critical pro-EEC Progress Party occupying the last seat. 190 candidates representing 10 political parties are running in next week's European elections in Denmark, the jokers in the Danish Europack being the anti-EEC movement, which is again tipped to do well, the anti-tax Progress Party, whose top candidate and leader, Mr Mogens Glistrup, is campaigning from a prison cell near Elsinore, where he is serving a 3½ year sentence for gross tax fraud, and two Greenlandic candidates.

The winner of these, the second and last ever European elections to be held in Greenland, will sit for less than six months, as the vast icebound, partly devolved Danish territory is to quit the EEC on January 1, 1985, whereupon the seat reverts to Denmark.

If elected, Mr Glistrup, 59, and still the most colourful and eccentric of Danish politicians, would almost certainly be prevented from assuming his seat in the Strasbourg assembly, as he has been expelled from the Danish parliament twice already now – last time in February after he re-won his North Copenhagen seat in the Danish general elections – because of his imprisonment.

An opinion poll, conducted in early June by the generally reliable *Vilstrup Institute for Politiken*, the leading Copenhagen daily newspaper, forecasts a polarisation of the Danish European vote at the upcoming elections, with both the four-party centre-rightist pro-European govt, and the anti-EEC parties improving their positions at the cost of the middle of the road Social Democrats.

The opinion poll gives the pro-Market govt parties a combined 42 per cent of the vote, compared to 36 per cent in 1979, with anti-EEC parties upping their overall support from 33 per cent to 38 per cent of the vote, to come a close second, the losers beig the Social Democrats, Denmark's biggest single party, which could see its vote slump from 22 per cent to 15 per cent, and the Progress Party which, the institute predicts, will have a bad election, despite Mr Glistrup's efforts from behind bars.

Labour uses high tech to woo Euro votes

From Ian Murray, Brussels

"SOC 001" has infiltrated the British Telecom computer and 7,000 electronic noticeboards are now at the mercy of politically-motivated high technology.

In what is claimed to be a European first, the Labour Party has just opened an election campaign using what amounts to high speed junk mailing.

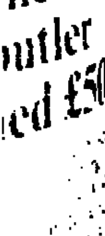
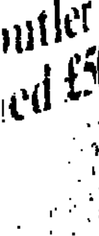
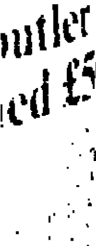
It is the brainchild of Mr Tony Robinson, the socialists' press officer at the European Parliament in Brussels. He has been kitted out with a minicomputer typewriter and callup code SC 001 for the election campaign and is now using it to feed party leaflets out to the 7,000 subscribers on the "BT Gold" service. The service is free.

The first one went out on Monday saying "Vote Labour on June 14 and give a boost to new technology." Any of the subscribers checking out the service's noticeboard on their machine would have found it

The second one went out yesterday, an apeal by Mr Barry Seal, the party's spokesman inthe European Parliament on block election mail and so give the Government an excuse for breaking the Post Office monopoly.

Such action could put marginal Labour seats like his own in West Yorkshire at risk, Mr Seal warned.

A Telex to newspapers advising them of the new campaign only went out early yesterday morning. It had been held up because the British Telecom computer was overloaded.

Journalists removed from Amritsar

Army prepares to enter Sikh shrine

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The holiest shrine of the Sikh religion yesterday became a battlefield, as Sikh terrorists, enjoying its sanctuary, exchanged fire with the security forces surrounding it.

According to Mr K. K. Wali, the Home Minister in the central Government, the extremists inside the Golden Temple in Amritsar, produced a medium machine gun and mortars to fire at the security forces. It was the first intimation of the existence of such powerful weapons within the temple's marble walls.

One member of the armed forces and a civilian were killed by the firing outside the temple but, Mr Wali said, there was no way of knowing how many casualties had been suffered inside.

In between spells of firing at the temple, round which a crop of sandbagged emplacements and brick pillboxes have sprung up, the security forces are making a series of appeals through loudspeakers for the extremists to surrender.

A group of pilgrims who had been trapped in the temple when the siege began on Sunday, made their way out yesterday through a roundabout route, through another temple adjoining the complex, and surrendered to the authorities. According to the Home Secretary, there were 40 of them, and they did not include any known terrorists.

In the meantime the total curfew, which has been clamped on the municipal areas of Punjab state, has been extended for another 12 hours until 9 pm today. The curfew was first imposed as the Indian armed forces moved into the state and fanned out to control the key areas and restore law and order on Sunday. It is causing considerable hardship to people trapped in their homes without access to markets or provisions in heat which has been reaching around 111°F.

Witnesses describe the state looking as though a bomb had been dropped on it. The buildings still stood, but there were no people outdoors.

The Indian Government is plainly intending to rid itself for once and for all of the terrorists who have been operating in the Golden Temple with virtual impunity for almost two years. The authorities are saying that they want to end the siege without entering the temple with armed force, but Mr Wali admitted last night that the Government has given the Army the go-ahead to enter provided the inmates have been given adequate opportunity to surrender and provided the local authorities believe they have no alternative.

"The overall objective is to avoid taking any action of that nature unless it is absolutely necessary," Mr Wali said last night.

It is also apparent that the Indian authorities wish to invade the temple without the eyes of the foreign press upon them. No foreigner is being allowed into Punjab now. A number of foreign correspondents who were already there when the night curfew was imposed on Sunday were yesterday taken from their hotels at 5 am, taken to the border with Harjana in a military bus, and abandoned there. They included correspondents for the BBC and for the *Washington Post*.

A correspondent for the Australian Broadcasting Company left Amritsar on Sunday night to file from Lahore in Pakistan a few miles away, where communications are far better. He was not allowed to return by the Indian authorities although his luggage and personal belongings were still in his Amritsar hotel.

Other correspondents attempting to drive into the state were stopped at a road block and told they would be shot if they proceeded further.

The ban has also included a number of Indian nationals working for the foreign media.

Temple watch: Sikh extremists keeping an eye on troops surrounding the Golden Temple

The Home Minister denied last night that this had happened and said action was taken only against foreigners for their protection – a plain piece of nonsense.

A similar exchange of fire to that at the Golden Temple took place a few miles down the road at the temple of Tarm Tarn. There, no casualties were reported by the armed forces, but people inside the temple tried to stir up the local Sikh population by loudspeaker announcements that the Golden Temple at Amritsar had been destroyed.

This was, of course, denied by the Indian Government. The authorities also insisted that the temple proper – which they defined as that area in which visitors had to remove their shoes – had not been harmed in the firing. They did say, however, that other buildings in the complex had been affected.

Sikh protesters in a number of villages not under curfew, and even in some that technically were, managed to set fire to a number of properties including factories owned by their opponents. A number of people were also killed in firing

Bitterness grows in Israel on Lebanon war anniversary

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

With a big anti-war demonstration scheduled in Tel Aviv at the weekend, and the Israeli death toll rapidly approaching 600, today's second anniversary of the invasion of Lebanon is being marked with the same bitter internal dissent which has characterized the conflict from the outset.

At the same time, in occupied southern Lebanon – where an estimated 12,000 Israeli troops are still dug in behind heavy fortifications – it has now been reported that Sunni Muslim leaders have joined preachers from the radical Shia Muslim majority in calling on the local population to rise up against the Jewish presence.

The anniversary week there has been marked by anti-Israeli strikes in many centres of Muslim population, the erection of road blocks, and the burning of tyres. Foreign correspondents based in Israel have been told that they can no longer travel freely in the occupied area to check the extent of such disturbances, but can only enter if accompanied by Israeli army escorts.

The total killed is certain to climb higher

Official figures issued to *The Times* by the army show that the latest total of Israelis wounded in Lebanon, 3,049, has overtaken the combined total of 3,006 Israeli soldiers and civilians injured in the 1967 Middle East war, which began 17 years ago yesterday and led to the continuing occupation of the West Bank.

The new statistics, which include those killed in accidents, show that the death toll has now reached 583 in Lebanon, compared with the 777 Israeli soldiers and 26 civilians killed during the 1967 conflict. With ambushes in southern Lebanon taking place almost daily, military sources acknowledge that the toll is certain to rise higher.

In a letter in the *Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Mr and Mrs David Sharf, two kibbutz members who lost a son in the battle for Beaufort Castle – one of the fiercest of the war – showed that time has done little to erase the anger of many Israelis about what critics have labelled the country's "only war of choice".

"Begin and Sharon and all those who raise their hands in support of the war in Lebanon, which was not forced upon us, and all those who, through their silence, conspired in its implementation, have written a black page in the history of Israel and Zionism", they wrote.

"How tragic that there were so few who were judicious and courageous enough to oppose the war from the start. Since the battle of Beaufort, 730 days and nights have passed, and hundreds more have lost their lives in Lebanon. We shall not forget, nor shall we forgive."

The criticism has been reinforced recently by two hard-hitting books and a number of articles in the Hebrew press. One of the best informed books, *Israel's war in Lebanon*, was written by Mr Zeev Schiff, former defence correspondent of *Haaretz* and Mr Ehud Yaari, who covered much of the fighting for Israel television. They accused Mr Ariel Sharon, the war's chief architect, of "a refined variation of the putsch" by manipulating the Cabinet to his personal ambitions.

Dr Janet Aviad, of Jerusalem, one of the leaders of Peace Now, which is organizing next Saturday's protest, explained that opposition to the war would be linked to condemnation of the recently uncovered Jewish underground aimed at Arabs in the West Bank. She expects 70,000 Israelis to attend, although independent observers believe this may be an over-estimate.

The June 6, 1982 invasion and the subsequent broadening of the war by the Government – especially Mr Sharon, the former Defence Minister – has emerged as one of the key issues in the campaign for next month's general election, with the main opposition Labour Party pushing for a total withdrawal over a few months.

Broadening of the map has become key election issue

Reserve General Motta Gur, the formewr Israeli Chief of Staff, who is Labour's campaign manager, claimed that a system to establish relative security for settlements in northern Israel could be established "in two to three months", after which Israel could withdraw. Labour sources estimate that such a pull-back could save the exchequer around £700,000 a day.

Government ministers are also committed, in principle, to an eventual withdrawal, although none have been prepared to put a time limit on it, let alone as short as three months. In an interview published on the eve of the anniversary, Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, declared: "It is optimistic to say that two years from now, we will be south of the international boundary."

However, a second limited Israeli deployment farther south of the main occupied city of Sidon is expected soon, if the security situation permits, to help the Government's popularity in the run-up to polling on July 23.

Employers win ruling on lockouts in Germany

Bonn – West German metal industry employers and union leaders met in Stuttgart yesterday for further talks in an attempt to end the three-week strike.

But there was little optimism that the talks would bring an early end to the action aimed at securing a 35-hour week. More than 400,000 workers in the motor industry have been made idle through strikes, lay-offs, or lockouts.

The employers and the leaders of the metalworkers' union, IG Metall, met hours after the Hessen State Labour Court, in Frankfurt overturned a ruling by a lower court and held that the employers had the right to lock out motor industry workers in retaliation for the strike action. The union said it would appeal.

War criminal executed

Brussels (Reuter). A Belgian held prisoner in the Soviet Union since 1968 has been executed on charges of war crimes committed in the Second World War, the Belgian Foreign Ministry said.

Yermak Lukianov, a Soviet emigré naturalized as a Belgian in 1967, was arrested in 1968 while visiting the Soviet Union. He was convicted of treason and collaborating with the Nazis.

Unesco deputies appointed

Paris (AFP) – Unesco has announced the appointment of two assistant secretaries general, one temporary, at the start of studies aimed at structural reform.

M Jean Knapp of France, under-director general since 1979, and Mr Gerald Bolla of Switzerland, who will serve for nine months, will report to the director-general.

Alpine deaths

Lausanne (Reuter). – Switzerland's alps have claimed more than 1,048 lives in the past five years and left tens of thousands injured according to a report published yesterday.

Bomb attack

Colombo – A police inspector and two constables were killed when Tamil rebels hurled bombs at a police jeep at Vavuniya about 60 miles south of Jaffna.

Wildlife prize

Jane Goodall, (above) a Briton known for her pioneering research on chimpanzees in Africa, has won the $50,000-dollar (£35,000) J. Paul Getty wildlife conservation prize, the World Wildlife Fund-US, said.

Arafat visit

Belgrade (AP) – gave a ceremonial welcome to Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, here yesterday.

Tribal slaughter

Dhaka (Reuter) Tribesmen involved in a land dispute have killed at least 123 people and wounded about 900 in several villages in south-eastern Bangladesh, government sources said.

Six detained

Six Britons are being detained in Libya without charge, rather than five as originally thought, the British Foreign office said in London.

Synagogue stone

Jerusalem (AFP) – The foundation stone of what is claimed will be the world's largest synagogue will be laid here on Sunday. It will be as high as a 10-storey building.

Shuttle date

Cape Canaveral (AP) – A test firing of the space shuttle Discovery's main engines confirmed the ship is sound, and Nasa set June 22 as the launching date for its maiden flight.

Fishermen killed

Bangkok (Reuter) – Eight Thai fishermen were killed when Vietnamese forces fired on their trawler in international waters in the Gulf of Thailand Thai marine authorities said.

'Chemical' war

Bangkok (Reuter) – Kampuchea yesterday accused Thailand of using chemical warfare against civilians near the border in pursat province in western Kampuchea, but a Thai military spokesman denied the charge.

Army officer with Berlin refugees

From Our Correspondent Bonn

Nearly 20 East Germans, including an army captain, have taken refuge in the West German mission in East Berlin, West German newspapers said yesterday.

The would-be emigrants also included women and five school-age children, *Die Welt* and *Bild Zeitung* reported. The army captain, believed to be from a missiles unit, faces a possible death sentence for desertion if he is returned to the East Germans, the papers added.

The Bonn Government yesterday declined to confirm or deny the reports, but the West Germans are believed to be having secret talks with East Berlin aimed at resolving the diplomatic problem.

The East Germans, however, are reported to be extremely angry over the refugees, and not prepared to guarantee freedom from prosecution for them if they leave their West German sanctuary.

Other East Germans, including the niece of Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, took refuge in West German missions in East Berlin and Prague earlier this year. All the refugees left the missions after East Berlin promised not to prosecute them, and give priority to their applications to emigrate to West Germany.

Red-Green alliance makes formal bow in Hesse

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Germany's first "red-green alliance" – a coalition of Social Democrats (SPD) and the Greens which the Christian Democrats (CDU) have long scorned as a recipe for chaos – has formally come into being in Hesse, giving the Greens their first experience of government responsibilities in the country.

After months of argument and heart-seaching by both parties, the Hesse SPD approved a plan last weekend for formal cooperation which will enable Herr Holger Börner, the party leader, to present a government with a majority in the state parliament. After a second inconclusive election last September, neither the SPD nor the CDU had a majority, and Herr Börner ran a caretaker administraion on sufferance by the Greens, who hold the balance of power.

The alliance, which the Social Democrats are in no hurry to copy at national level, led to the resignation of a senior Hesse minister, Herr Heribert Reitz, who said he could not approve sharing power with the greens. But delegates at a special congress approved the plan by the surprisingly big majority of 221 to 17.

Herr Börner insisted it was no "love-match" but simply a business arrangement to make government possible in Hesse. The alliance is equally controversial with the Greens, who feel their principles endangered and political positions compromised.

There are local issues – the building of the second runway at Frankfurt Airport, introduction of motorway speed limits – where the two parties have sharply different views. But the SPD has agreed to press hard for greater data protection, more environmental safeguards,

The Greens will be watching carefully to see the result of their first participation in government. Two years ago, they held the balance of power briefly in Hamburg, but argued each issue with the Social Democrats to the point of making practical government in the city almost impossible.

First test for Beirut coalition

Beirut (AP) – Parliament began a vote of confidence debate on Lebanon's national coalition Government yesterday.

The debate started 20 minutes late after protests by relatives of those held captive in the Christian and Muslim areas of the city. Demonstrators burnt car tyres in the streets to force MPs to listen to their pleas that the issue of their missing loved ones should head the Government's priorities.

About 150 civilians are believed to be held by rival Christian, Druze, and Shia militias.

A four-man security committee representing warring factions and the Lebanese Army met at the "green line" which divides Beirut and allowed a delegation of relatives into the Villa Mansour Parliament headquarters.

● CAIRO: Gunmen in a speeding car opened fire on an Israeli diplomat in a suburb here last on Monday night, wounding him in the hand and shoulder (AP reports).

Mr Zvi Kedar, an administrative attaché, underwent surgery for fractured bones in his left hand. His shoulder was grazed by a bullet.

● JERUSALEM: The former Israeli Ambassador to Egypt, Mr Eliaju Ben Elissar, who returned to Israel yesterday from Cairo, said it was "the first time a diplomat of the Israeli Embassy in Cairo has been attacked in the Egyptian capital" (AFP reports).

● Four held: Israeli troops yesterday arrested a four-man Arab guerrilla squad which had infiltrated the annexed Golan Heights (Christopher Walker writes).

The Army spokesman said one of the captives was wounded in the operation which followed the detection of a hole in a border security fence. The unit was carrying AK47 automatic rifles and grenades.

Israel radio quoted sources claining that Syria had recently permitted the establishment of a base in the south of the country.

Britain launches inquiry on sinking of Marques

From Keith Hunt, Bermuda

A British Department of transport official arrived in Bermuda yesterday to start a preliminary inquiry into the sinking of the Marques 78 miles off Bermuda.

Captain Jim de Coverly, of the marine division, interviewed crew from the Polish tall ship Zawisza Czarny before she continued on the second leg of the race to Halifax, Canada. The Polish vessel had picked up eight of the nine survivors and returned them to Bermuda.

Later Captain de Coverley spoke to survivors who are at the Royal Navy base, HMS Malabar.

Meanwhile the extensive search for the 18 missing crew continued over a vast area but there was little hope of finding them

Zhao seeking more trade with Europe

Brussels (Reuter)–The Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Zivang, carried his campaign to promote Chinese economic development to the EEC yesterday, appealing for more trade with Europe and pledging to guarantee invstments in China.

Mr Zhao, who is on a six-nation European tour aimed at attracting more foreign capital and advanced technology to China, met members of the Community's executive commission.

Commercial, technological and financial subjects dominated the talks, which made scant mention of political issues, a Commission spokesman said.

Mr Zhao called on Western European nations to increase their exports to China, saying that the needs of its one billion people could not be met without increasing external trade.

China also needs new investment capital from Europe, and is seeking to attract investors by setting up semi-autonomous economic zones where foreign and joint venture firms can operate, Mr Zhao was quoted as saying.

Egypt's Premier dies of sudden heart attack

From Alice Brinton, Cairo

Dr Fuad Mohieddin, the Egyptian Prime Minister, collapsed and died of a heart attack minutes after he had arrived at his Cairo office, it was announced yesterday.

Dr Mohieddin who was 58, was a radiologist turned politician. He entered Parliament for the first time in 1957 under President Nasser. He was a provincial governor between 1968 and 1974, then joined the Cabinet as Minister of Local Government under President Sadat and became Minister of Health.

President Sadat appointed him Deputy Prime Minister in May 1980, a post he retained until President Mubarak took office after President Sadat's assasination in October 1981. In January 1982, President Mubrak asked him to form a Cabinet which was reshuffled in March 1983.

He was concurrently Secretary-General of President Mubarak's National Democratic Party (NDP) which won an overwhelming majority in parliamentary elections on May 27. Dr Mohieddin ran he NDP's day to day affairs under the chairmanship of President Mubarak and was the main target of attacks from the opposition parties during the pre-election campaign.

The Opposition claimed he was responsible for alleged vote-rigging and voter intimidation by NDP partisans which they believe gave the NDP its majority in the new Parliament. Recently rumours has been circulating that Dr Mohiedddin might be replaced as Prime Minister.

Dr Fuad Mohieddin: Collapsed at his office

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Five states could give Mondale nomination

Democratic voters went to the polls in five American states yesterday in primary elections that could decide whether Mr Walter Mondale will be able to win the Democratic Party presidential nomination on the first ballot at the party's convention in July.

He faced Senator Gary Hart and the Rev Jesse Jackson in all five states. They were:

CALIFORNIA

Pledged delegates: 306.
Method of voting: District winner-take-all – no "beauty contest" preference vote.
Participation: Registered Democrats only.
1980 winner: Kennedy.

The biggest primary of them all. California should be a good state for Mr Hart. It is the biggest state in his home region and twice during the past decade has elected a young "new ideas" Democrat (Mr Jerry Brown) as Governor. However, Mr Mondale, who has been endorsed by most of the state party leadership, is expected to do well among Hispanics (15 per cent of the vote), Jews (10 per cent) and pensioners.

NEW JERSEY

Pledged delegates: 107
Method of voting: District winner-take-all – non-binding "beauty contest" preference vote
Participation: Registered Democrats and independents
1980 winner: Kennedy

Mr Hart hopes to perform well in the large suburban communities that feed New York City and Philadelphia, also around Princeton and the state's other universities. Mr Mondale is pinning his hopes on labour, teachers and pensioners (New Jersey is the second oldest state in the country, after Florida).

NEW MEXICO

Pledged delegates: 23
Method of voting: Proportional representation
Participation: Registered Democrats only
1980 winner: Kennedy

The key to this contest lies with the Hispanic community who comprise 40 per cent of the population. Mr Mondale has the support of most Hispanic leaders, but a number have sided with Mr Hart.

SOUTH DAKOTA

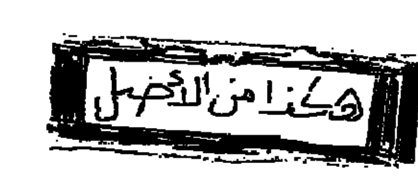
Pledged delegates: 35
Method of voting: Proportional representation
Participation: Registered Democrats only
1980 winner: Kennedy

Although South Dakota borders Mr Mondale's home state of Minnesota, its primary is expected to be won decisively by Mr Hart. Mr Hart, who managed the 1972 campaign for Mr George McGovern (a former senator from South Dakota) is the only candidate to have spent much time in the state.

WEST VIRGINIA

Pledged delegates: 35
Method of voting: District winner-take-all – non-binding "beauty contest" preference vote
Participation: Registered Democrats only
1980 winner: Carter

Of the five contests, this is one most likely to be won by Mr Mondale. It was the only one of the June primary states to go to his former boss, President Carter.



Lawson fails to counter French finesse in EEC propaganda duel

From Ian Murray, Luxembourg

Britain was easily outmanoeuvred in the pre-EEC summit proganda campaign during this week's Finace Council in Luxembourg.

As a result, the summit will be more difficult than ever.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, hoped that tough and binding rules to control EEC spending could be agreed for final approval at the summit. He may even have cherished a slight hope that further progress would be made on one of Britain's main campaigns in the Community – a common market in insurance services. He might have expected to bask in a bit of glory as host finance minister at this week's economic summit in London.

But he went home again on Monday evening with virtually nothing to show for a day of hard argument and with M Jacques Delors, the French Minister chairing the meeting, stealing all the glory available.

Most serious was the failure to obtain any agreement on a binding system to control the EEC budget. "Budgetary discipline", as the EEC jargon phrase calls, is one of the essentials for any settlement at the Fontainebleau summit. Britain has made it very clear that it cannot allow any increase in the Community's resources until it is confident that such discipline will be enforced.

Considerable progress was made at the Brussels summit in March, with everyone agreeing on the need for a control system. But when Mr Lawson pressed on Monday for the amendment to the treaty which Britain considers is the one clear-cut way of ensuring that spending is controlled, he ran into a brick wall.

President Mitterrand has gone out of his way in recent speeches to insist that the EEC treaties must not be altered in order to provide a settlement which would accommodate Britain. Other ideas were put forward on Monday but Mr Lawson insisted they were "not sufficiently robust to make budgetary discipline effective."

As a result, the question now looks like being pushed through to the summit, where it will add to Mrs Thatcher's pile of difficult demands to be negotiated there.

M Delors, who characterized the discussions as "very positive" carefully and condescendingly succeeded in presenting Britain as a outsider at the meeting.

On its own Britain had blocked a pet French scheme to put up some £60m of Community money as venture capital for small businesses. Mr Lawson may have explained his reasons to the press, M Delors said, but he had failed to convince the other nine ministers.

M Delors was sad that Britain had not been prepared to offer a quid pro quo for the fact the France had been prepared to blow the dust off the insurance dossier.

But he was proud to announce that he had issued instructions that in future the Ecu (European currency unit) would be quoted on the Paris Bourse.

Poor Mr Lawson, who had earlier blustered that "what Britain is seeking to do is to make the Communtiy work", had been found lacking in Community commitment. He wanted to see freedom of real capital movement and freedom of real services in the community.

M Delors, by recognizing a artifical curreny, had struck a much truer and more telling note of European idealism.

Mr Lawson: Outmanoeuvred M Delors: All the glory

Sakharov's life may still be in danger

From Richard Owen Moscow

Sources close to the Sakharov family say they fear Dr Andrei Sakharov's life is in danger despite official assurances that he is in good health.

The Kremlin responded on Monday night to rumours which circulated in the West last weekend about Dr Sakharov's death. Tass said Dr Sakharov and his wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, were "in good health and not starving". The Tass statement repeated the phrase "in good health" twice but was otherwise relatively short and consisted of a reiteration of Moscow's charge that Dr Salharov's hunger strike was a stunt devised by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Tass statement was not printed in *Pravda* yesterday. The Soviet public has so far been kept in the dark about Western concern over Dr Sakharov's fate. Dr Sakharov went on hunger strike on May 2 and was joined later by Mrs Bonner. Both have disappeared from their home in Gorky, where Dr Sakharov was exiled for human right activities

Sources said the Tass denial of "false reports" of Dr Sakharov's death was as significant for what it did not say as for what it did say. The statement did not indicate the couple's whereabouts and left open the possibility that they have been force fed.

Dr Sakharov, who is 63, has a weak heart. Some observers believe reports and denials of his death are intended to accustom world opinion to his eventual death in the hope that the impact on East-West relations will be reduced.

Diplomats said the forthcoming visit to Moscow by President Mitterand of France – previously jeopardized by the Sakharov case – suggested the Kremlin may have given assurances of Dr Sakharov's state of health.

Monday's Tass statement referred to reports by an Italian woman journalist that Dr Sakharov was fear dead, but not to the fact that the rumour arose from a telephone call from Mrs Bonner. Serious doubts surround the reported call, given the obstacles normally placed in the way of Russians wishing to telephone the West.

Tass said the Western death rumours were "merely burying Sakharov alive," a phrase regarded by some sources here as ominous. "We are going to take Sakharov and Bonner under our protection, but neither can be allowed all this to be used for libellous anti-soviet propaganda," Tass said.

Mrs Tatyana Yankelevich, Dr Sakharov's stepdaughter, appealing to Mr Olaf Palme

Palme may intervene

Stockholm (Reuter) – Mrs Tatyana Yankelevich, the stepdaughter of Dr Andrei Sakharov, said yesterday that Mr Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister, might intervene on behalf of her parents.

Mrs Yankelevich, who is touring European countries to campaign on behalf of the Sakharovs, said after meeting Mr Palme that he told her he would consider appealing directly to Moscow.

Road toll prompts new drive on drink

From Alan Tillier Paris

"Take control of yourself before we do" is the slogan for the latest anti-drink campaign launched yesterday by French road safety authorities in an effort to reduce the number of traffic deaths caused by alcohol abuse. These were put at 5,000 last year of a total of 12,000. First quarter figures this year showed the rate rising.

The campaign will also use the government slogan against alcoholism in general: "*Un verre ca va, trois verres bonjour les degats*" (one glass is all right; three glasses, say hello to the damage). The new drive has been timed for the Whitsun holiday but will continue through the year, M Pierre Mayet, road safety director at the transport ministry, said.

He announced a propaganda campaign aimed at greater respect for the stiffer law passed last year which fixes the legal limit in the blood at 0.80 grams a litre, the equivalent on an empty stomach of half a litre of wine or two whiskies.

This and harsher sentences (one month to a year in jail compared with the previous 10 days to a month, fines from £44 to £680 and suspension of licences) have not had any effect on the figures.

M Mayet said drunken driving was almost exclusively a male problem.

Famine in Africa tops UN agenda

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The United Nations World Food Council, on which 36 nations are represented by ministers or senior officials, meets in Addis Ababa next weekend for its annual session, with the African famine situation on its agenda.

The council, set up after the 1974 World Food Conference, acts as a political pressure group dealing with problems of food supply and production. This year's conference marks the end of the council's first decade, and conference reports note that, whereas food scarcity was regarded as the main problem in 1974, the situation today is marked by vast overproduction and unmarketable surpluses in North America and Europe and by famine and food shortages in many developing countries.

The council's executive director, Mr Maurice Williams, warns of the danger ot countries now facing famine of the West's tendency to regard food aid as unnecessary or counter-productive.

He says many African countries are trying to overcome their food problems – and an increasing number are receiving technical assistance in drawing up and implementing food strategies.

Africa, he says, must be helped to expand its economy, so that it is no longer forced to beg for aid when food shortages occur.

DeLorean's wife denies trying to impress jury

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles

The model, Cristina Ferrare DeLorean, yesterday denounced those who claim she appears in court to support her husband merely as a fashion prop to influence the jury.

"I get angry at people who say I'm purely a prop," she said. "I want to be at John's side. He needs me. I give him support and comfort and I resent the fact that people say I'm there as a prop.

The wife of the former carmaker said she was not afraid of the future but was uncertain about it. I don't think of John being found guilty. To me, it's almost impossible if there's any justice in the world.

She conceded that if the jury did convict Mr DeLorean, "it would have a devastating effect on our children".

Australia asked to hold inquiry on atom tests

From Tony Duboudin Melbourne

The Federal Government has been urged by an official committee to hold a public inquiry into the way British atomic test in Australia in the 1950s and 1960s were conducted and their effects on human health.

The recommendation was contained in a report by a committee headed by Professor Charles Kerr of Sydney University's preventive and social medicine unit, appointed only on May 15 by the federal Government to investigate whether any Australians were put at risk by the British test.

The committee, whose report was tabled in Federal Parliament yesterday, looked at major bomb tests and minor trials conducted at Emu, Monte Bello Island and Maralinga

Eskimos hold key in Greenland poll

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Greenland's 32,000 electorate votes in local elections today for the third time since the world's biggest island achieved home rule under the Danish crown in 1979.

Three parties represented by 104 candidates are running in the election, the second in just over a year. The poll will determine the complexion of Greenland's political leadership in the important period following the territory's final withdrawal from the European Community on January 1, 1985, a move decided in a referdum in 1982.

Today's vote was brought about by a domestic political crisis over the terms of Greenland's exit from the EEC, which it reluctantly joined along with Denmark in 1973. The ruling left-wing Siumut Party of Mr Jonathan Mitzfeldt, chairman of the Landsting, Greenland's legislature in the capital, Godthaab, lost its overall parliamentary majority when its small, extreme left-wing coalition partner, the two-member Inuit (Eskimo) party voted against an exit formula negotiated by the Government with Brussels and approved by the right-wing Atassut opposition party.

The withdrawal formula, passed by 24 votes to two in the 26-seat Landsting last March, allows EEC boats to fish an annual catch of 140,000 tonnes in Greenland's waters over a five year period in return for yearly payments from the Ten of £15.5m, coupled with an associate trade agreement with the Community.

In the outgoing Parliament, Siumut and Atassut each had 12 seats, with the nationalistic Inuit Party holding two seats and a pivotal position.

Severe problems confront Greenland, which was a Danish colony from 1721 to 1953, as it seeks greater autonomy outside Europe. The high birthrate of the 1950s and 1960s is now fuelling unemployment, now at 5 per cent of the work force and rising sharply, and the quarter of the territory's 52,000 inhabitants engaged in the fishing industry have been severely hit by the record cold winters of the past three years.

Ceausescu visit fails to ease tensions between Moscow and Bucharest

From Richard Owen, Moscow

East European sources said yesterday that although the way had been cleared for next week's Comecon summit in Moscow, there were still significant tensions between Russia and Romania after President Ceausecu's one day visit to Moscow on Monday.

President Chernenko remarked at a Kremlin dinner for Mr Ceausescu that there are quite a few possibilities for improvement in relations between Moscow and Bucharest, and said closer cooperation was vital.

Soviet block leaders gather in Moscow next Tuesday for the first Comecon summit in 13 years. Previous attempts at summitry have been sabotaged by Romanian recalcitrance. Romania has resisted moves towards economic integration in the Soviet block and is also a maverick member of the Warsaw Pact, refusing to allow exercises on its soil.

President Ceausescu's most recent act of rebellion was to announce Romania's particication in the Los Angeles Olympic Games despite the withdrawal of Moscow and most of its East European allies.

Tass said after talks between Mr Chernenko and Mr Ceausescu that the atmosphere had been not only comradely but also businesslike and frank, which in Soviet parlance mean harsh words were exchanged.

On the other hand the long-delayed summit has apparently been given the green light. Earlier there were reports and Mr Ceausescu had emphasized the importance of the coming summit and agreed it would lead to improvements in economic cooperation.

Mr Ceausescu irritated his hosts however by referring at the Kremlin to tensions caused by deployment of both American and Soviet missiles in Europe. Moscow's view is that Soviet deployments in Eastern Europe are a necessary retaliatory measure. Bucharest blames both East and West for the arms race and the current impasse.

The Soviet press yesterday emphasized the award to Mr Ceausescu of the Order of the October Revolution and his promise of "goodneighbourliness" and strengthened relations, the press also emphasized "acute differences" at the Western economic summit in London.

'Journalist' on stolen passport sought

San José (Reuter and AFP) – Costa Rica has issued an international warrant for a man travelling on a stolen Danish passport who escaped unscathed from a bomb blast at a guerrilla camp last week, a police spokesman said.

Señor Francisco Ruiz, of the Judicial investigation authorities, told reporters that the warrant had been issued for a man travelling as Per Anker Hansen on a Danish passport.

The explosion last Wednesday killed five people and wounded 28 at a press conference in Nicaragua given by Señor Pastora, the guerilla leader, whose Revolutionary Democratic Alliance (Arde) is fighting the Sandinist a regime in Managua.

Mr Palle Paaby, the Danish Consul in San José, told reporters: "It is absolutely certain that the man here was travelling on a stolen passport from a person who had the name he was using."

Señor Pastora, the Arde spokesman, said he saw the man after the blast lying unhurt among some barrels outside the press conference building.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Foreign Ministry said on Monday that the man being sought in connexion with the blast was almost certainly not a Dane.

Mr Peter Torbioernsson, a Swedish journalist who attended the press conference in which the explosion occurred, said a man who called himself Per Anker Hansen was also present. He was aged about 27 and said hes was a Danish journalist working for a French photographic agency known as "Europe Seven," Mr Torbioernsson added.

Reporters in Paris have carried out an abortive search for the agency and for the home adress given on the register of the hotel here in San José, where the man stayed last week.

"We got on pretty well. He had a lot of credentials but I did not look at any of them." Mr Torbioernsson said from his hospital bed here. He is being treated for burns on his hands.

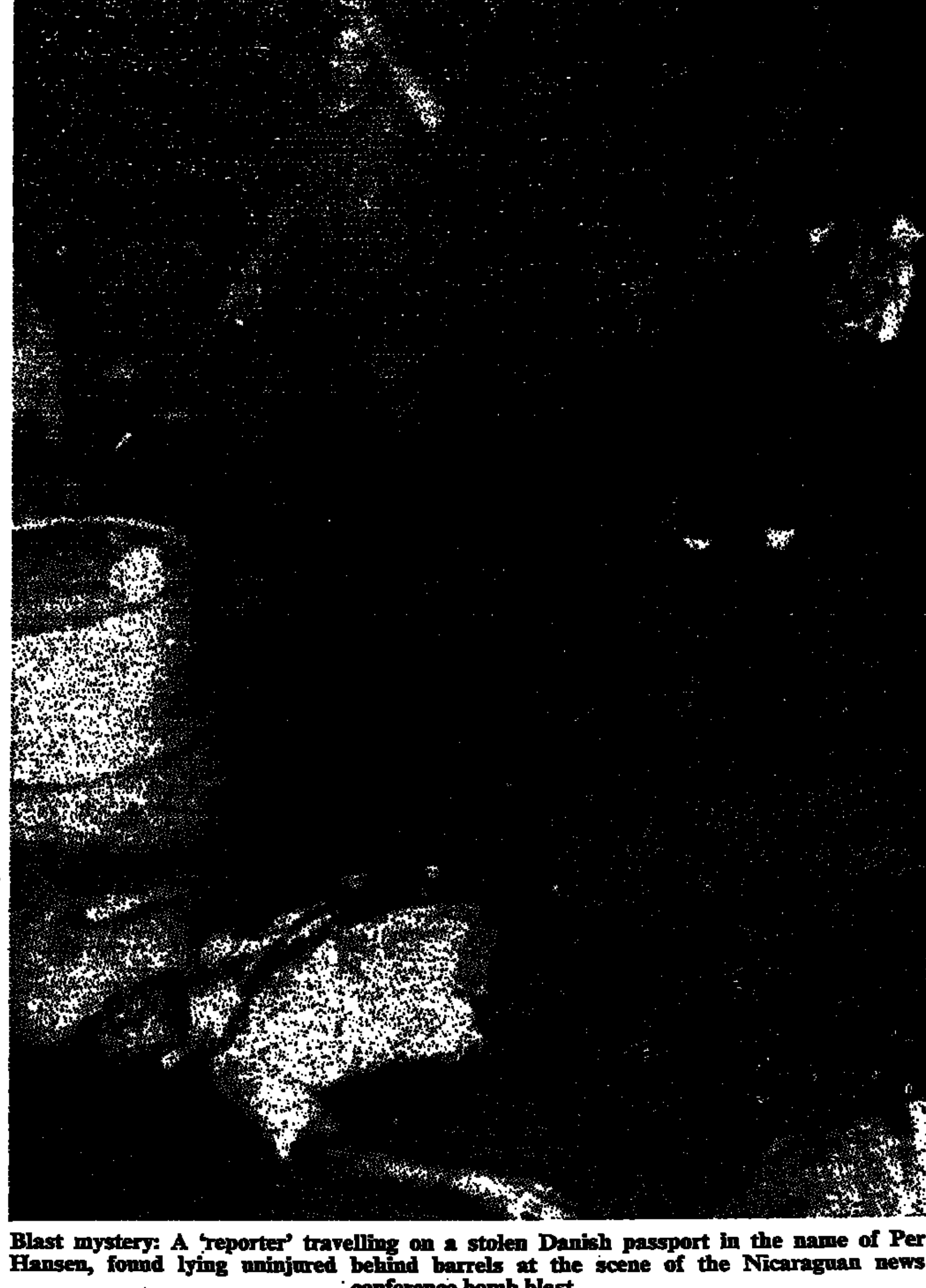
Monday, a Danish architect called Per Anker Hansen, living in Copenhagen, telephoned the Danish Foreign Ministry to say that his passport was stolen when his flat was broken into four years ago.

Commenting on the bomb, the architect told the Danish newspaper *Berlingske Tidende*: "I have nothing to do with the Affair." Seõr Pastora, who has been deported from Costa Rica, was wounded in the blast at his guerrilla base about a mile from the border with Costa Rica.

A judge put a ban on Sunday on blast survivors leaving Costa Rica. But the Gran Via Hotel, where the man stayed last week, said he had left on Thursday, the day after the blast.

Immigration sources said he had not passed through the international airport.

The Costa Rica authorities were continuing to prevent Mr Tony Avirgan, a wounded US correspondent from returning to the United States to undergo plastic surgery. On Sunday the authorities stopped him from being put on board a special aircraft sent by the American Broadcasting Corporation. They sent him back to a hospital here.



Blast mystery: A 'reporter' travelling on a stolen Danish passport in the name of Per Hansen, found lying uninjured behind barrels at the scene of the Nicaraguan news conference bomb blast.

US envoy seeks new deal on Namibia

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

Mr Chester Croker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, will meet Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, and Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister, in Rome at the end of this week to consider ways of breaking the impasse on Namibian independence.

Last month, a conference in Lusaka attended by South Africa, internal Namibian political parties and Swapo, narrowly failed to reach agreement on a deal which would have enabled Pretoria to overcome its objections to the presence of Cuban troops in Angola and allow Namibia to become independent.

President Kaunda of Zambia, the host at Lusaka, has called for a new negotiating process to capitalize on the progress made. The US which for the past three years has been spearheading the efforts of the five-nation Western "contact group" to solve the Nambia problem, was not a Lusaka participant.

At the Rome meeting, Mr Croker will discuss his own recent trip to southern Africa during which he met senior representatives from the Angolan Government in Lusaka. An American official described these talks as very encouraging.

This is all part of a concerted attempt to put the final pieces of the complex Namibian independence jigsaw into place. The contact group and frontline African nations have been trying – so far without success – to find a solution for more than six years.

One reason President Kaunda believes agreement is "tantalisingly close" is because Pretoria has indicated it is prepared to compromise on the "linkage issue" – the joint US-South African demand for the removal of Cuban troops from Angola as a precondition for a Namibian settlement.

In the past few weeks South African leaders have indicated that the Cuban issue could be bypassed if Swapo and the internal Namimbian parties could settle their differences. Mr Crocker will also question Mr P. W. Botha about the outcome of his trip to Europe, the most extensive foreign journey undertaken by a South African leader in more than two decades.

● BONN: Anti-apartheid groups demonstrated here yesterday against the South African leader's visit (Our Correspondent writes).

About 500 held a vigil opposite the Chancellery, where Mr Botha met Chancellor Kohl. There was also a rally later when Mr Botha addressed and invited audience in his hotel.

The South African Prime Minister met Herr Kohl, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Mininster and President Carstens, and briefly saw Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the opposition leader.

The federal press office in Bonn said Herr Kohl had told Mr Botha that the West Germans wanted talks between the two countries. The Chancellor did not, as is customary, shake hands with Mr Botha during the greeting ceremony for press photographers.

Greek party dismantles pirate radio

From Mario Modiano Athens

A pirate radio station set up by the Communist Party of the Interior. Better known as the Eurocommunists, suspended its operation one hour after going on the air, following a warning from the Greek public prosecutor.

Radio and television are a state monopoly in Greece. The Socialist Government has allocated equal television time to the three main political parties represented in the national Parliament, but less to the smaller groups,

The pirate station, which styled itself "radio-dialogue", was set up in the party's Athen's headquarters a a protest against what its leaders saw as the unfair treatment by the state-controlled mass media during the campaign for the European elections.

Party officials complied with the prosecutor's request that the station should be dismantled. Last week a pirate station set up by Mr Stathis Panagoulis, a dissident Socialist deputy, for the same reasons, was impounded by police who raided his office and later his home.

Opposition candidates are protesting that the Government is abusing its control of television programmes to indulge in heavy-handed partisan propaganda without restraint.

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Romania turns screw on its Magyars

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

A new Romanian crackdown on the Hugarian minority in Transylvania has begun, emigré sources said in Vienna yesterday.

The 1.7m Hungarian inhabitants in the province, which by the Treaty of Trianon in 1919 was assigned to Romania, have had to endure a gradual but relentless process of romanization under the Ceasescu regime. The latest measures have included the passing in recent weeks of a decree limiting the numbers of Hungarian peakig students at the University of Cluj to 5 per cent. At present, Hungarians make up almost 65 per cent of student numbers.

In addition, the government has also insisted that geography and history teachers in all schools in Transylvania be Romanians.

The laws follow the sacking late last month of several Hungarian theatre directors in the province who were planning to celebrate the centenary of the Hungarian architect Karolyl Kos in a new play, which the Romanian authorities banned as a fascist provacation.

Searches of Hungarian writers' houses have been stepped recently.

Colombian ceasefire is triumph for Betancur

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

These are early days, but something very significant may be happening in Colombia which could point a way to end the strife in Central America. The question is whether the Ragan Administration is willing to learn form it.

Last week a ceasefire treaty between the biggest guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces came into effect.

If the treaty works Farc's leadership says it will accept President Betancur's comprehensive amnesty to rebels, return to civilian life, and reorganize as a non-violent Marxist-Leninist amass movement in the political mainstream.

The pact is a personal triumph for the President and a tribute to his courage and determination. Only a few weeks ago he seemed to have his back to the wall after a series of rebel uprisings and the assassination in Bogotá of his Justice Minister, Señor Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, by contract killers hired by drug racketeers.

With the ceasefire pact Señor Betancur has put into practice what he has long been preaching to the United States about Central America: that subversion is rooted in social, political, and economic injustices, and that only by tackling such problems and negotiating with all political elements – including guerrillas – can peace be achieved.

If the ceasefire leads to a lasting peace with Farc, it will vastly reduce the number of Colombian guerrillas, the most active in South American. Farc has 27 fronts with a total of 5,000 men and women at arms, although its support infrastructure would push its membership much higher. military sources calculate that Farc represents roughly 70 per cent of guerrillas.

Farc's high command has praised Señor Betancur's "good faith".

One big threat to the ceasefire could be the Drug *Mafiosas*. They have been in retreat since the murder of Señor Lara Bonilla, who had campaigned courageously against their activities. There is strong evidence that the racketeers have been running arms to M19 and at least some of Farc's fronts, as well as paying the guerrillas generously for guarding coca and marijuana plantations.

French invent milk tablet

Luxembourg – A new, dried milk powder tablet, which can be eaten without water, is about to be produced in France with the aim of helping to feed the world's hungry. If successful, the new tablet would also have the effect of reducing the EEC's huge dairy surplus.

Ministers at the Development Council in Luxembourg heard about the French invention when they were considering emergency aid for Africa's drought-striken Sahel region.

Uneasy truce holds in Salvador

War-weary enemies give Duarte hope

From John Carlin San Salvador

Far from provoking the rash of retributive violence so many have anticipated, the elections in El Salvador have been followed by a period of calm which some have chosen to interpret as hope for a lasting peace.

The losing candidate, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, failed to turn up for President José Napoleon Duarte's inauguration ceremony last Friday. But, more petulant than vengeful, the right has otherwise been surprisingly meek.

Since the May 6 poll the death squads have not even issued threatening communiqués, let alone set about the trail of murders which President Duarte's Christian Democrats, labour leaders and academics had feared.

Many guerrilla insiders had expected the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) to cause havoc before, during, and especially after election day. There was much talk of a May offensive to try to undermine this latest attempt at democracy in El Salvador. But there had been no interruption of the seasonal lull.

The FMLN and its political wing, the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FOR), have even offered Señor Duarte "dialogue without preconditions".

Most importantly, true to ex-President Alvaro Magana's outgoing speech on Friday, the armed forces have demonstrated "significant institutional progress" lately, giving the appearance at least of becoming a less political and more military instrument.

The head of the 55 American military advisers in El Salvador, Colonel Joseph Stringham, said on Monday evening "the military initiative at the moment (in the war) rests with the government forces".

President Duarte's honeymoon period of government could easily go up in smoke. "All it would take for the edifice to crumble would be for the guerrillas to take an important town and the Army to panic," said a senior Christian Democrat.

Both the guerrillas and the army show signs, though, after a four-and-half-year civil war of attrition more than anything else - that they are tired of fighting.

If the war continues at a low ebb long enough for President Duarte to consolidate his hold on power and for the political option in El Salvador to become more plausible, then hopes for peace will be bolstered.

Honduran soldiers outnumbered

The Honduran Government wants to revise an agreement which allows the United States to train Salvardorn soldiers in Honduras, APF reports from Teguciagalpa.

Señor Edgardo Paz Bárnic, Foreign Minister, said in a statement that the training of Salvardoran troops had grown "out of proportion". At the regional military training centre of Puerto Castilla on the Atlantic coast, there were 30 Salvadorans for every Honduran soldier, he said.

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Partial conspiracy is still a crime

Regina v Anderson (William Ronald)

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Mrs Justice Heilbron and Mr Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment delivered May 25]

A person who ostensibly agreed with others who intended to pursue a course of conduct which necessarily involved the commission of an offence, while reserving to himself a private intention only to go part of the way in assisting in the commission of the offence, had the necessary guilty mind to support a conviction for conspiracy under section 1 (1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977, as amended by section 5 of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held, dismissing William Ronald Anderson's appeal against his conviction at Lewes Crown Court (Judge John Gower, QC) on March 28, 1983, for conspiracy to effect the escape of a prisoner, contrary to section 1 (1) of the 1977 Act.

Mr Christopher Smith and Mr Neil Timms, appointed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the defendant; Mr Hubert Dunn, QC and Mr David Green for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the defendant was on remand in custody at Lewes Prison where he shared a cell for one night with a prisoner, Ahmed Andaloussi, who was awaiting trial upon serious drug offences.

A plan appeared to have been hatched between them whereby the defendant agreed to organize, with others, the details of the prisoner's escape, to provide equipment for that purpose, and to organize safe accommodation.

The evidence indicated that, the defendant having been released on bail, the plan was put into execution in a number of ways. *Inter alia*, the defendant was given £2,000 to buy the equipment.

In his interview with the police and in the prepared statement which the defendant read from the dock at the close of the prosecution case, the defendant maintained that he had only been trying to make money out of the prisoner, and had never intended to participate in the prisoner's eventual escape, but that he had intended to smuggle the equipment into the prison.

At the end of the evidence and the defendant's statement, the trial judge delivered a "ruling" as to the legal position of the defendant in which he stated that it was impossible to say that the defendant had no guilty mind when he admitted that he had the intention to do an act which was a step, on the face of it, in furtherance of the conspiracy; and he stated that he intended to direct the jury that if they came to the conclusion that there was an agreement to effect the prisoner's escape, and if they were also sure that the defendant intended at the time of the agreement to smuggle escape equipment into the prison, they should convict him, even if they had a doubt as to whether he had the intention of playing any further part for the effecting of a criminal purpose.

Counsel for the defendant in an attempt to clarify the ruling drafted, and the judge assented to, the general proposition that a defendant agreeing to commit a crime, but not having the intention that such agreement should be performed, was guilty of the offence of conspiracy contrary to section 1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 by reason of the fact that at the time of so agreeing he did intend to do some act ostensibly in furtherance of carrying out a criminal purpose.

As a result of the "ruling" and the subsequent exchange with counsel, the defendant changed his plea to one of guilty. It was agreed that if the defendant changed his plea as a result of an erroneous indication by the judge as to the law to be part of an intended direction to the jury, the court could intervene if it felt that the conviction on the change of plea was unsafe or unsatisfactory.

The appeal turned on the construction of section 1 (1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977, which, as amended, provided: "... if a person agrees with any other ... persons that a course of conduct shall be pursued which, if the agreement is carried out in accordance with their intentions ... will necessarily amount to or involve the commission of any offence ... by one or more of the parties to the agreement ... he is guilty of conspiracy to commit the offence ... in question."

What was the position of a person who entered into such an agreement with the mental reservation that he intended for his part only to carry out part of it?

In the present case, the defendant's agreement with the other persons must have included an acceptance, if not a positive intention, that the others should and if possible would execute the object of the agreement. There was no doubt that the course of conduct envisaged by the agreement, if carried out in accordance with their intentions, would necessarily involve the commission of the offence charged, provided that "their intentions" in section 1 (1) of the 1977 Act embraced the intentions of the other parties as known to and furthered by the defendant.

The defendant took an initiative in setting up a course of conduct and he intended to execute part of it. He was therefore irrevocably connected with the agreement to effect the prisoner's escape, whatever his mental reservations, and for the purposes of the Act he "agreed" with the others that the course of conduct should be pursued.

Such a construction of the section was in accordance with the common law authorities.

It would be contrary to public policy and by argument to the intentions of Parliament unless refuted by direct statutory provision that a person who entered into an agreement with others who genuinely intended the commission of the full offence while reserving to himself a private intention only to go part of the way should, by such a ruse, avoid criminal liability for the full intention of the agreement to which he had acceded.

Furthermore, the Criminal Law Act 1977 did not exclude the operation of section 8 of the Accessories and Abettors Act 1861, so that an aider and abettor of a conspiracy was liable to be tried as a principal offender.

On the defendant's own account he had an intention to carry out an overt act ostensibly in furtherance of the agreement to effect the prisoner's escape. It could not be disputed that those who were influenced by his action must have been aided and abetted by his action, notwithstanding his secret and uncommunicated reservations. He would, therefore, in any event, be susceptible of treatment as a principal conspirator.

In the circumstances the judge's ruling was not erroneous and accordingly the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions.

Industrial tribunal costs

Johnson v Baxter

Where an industrial tribunal reserved their decision a party who expected to be successful and who thought that he had grounds for applying for costs under rule 11 of Schedule 1 to the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1980 No 884) should make an application at the conclusion of the hearing in order to avoid the expense of a separate hearing on costs.

Mr Justice Bristow, sitting in the Employment Appeal Tribunal with Miss J. Collerson and Mr E. A. Webb, so stated on May 24 when dismissing an appeal by the employer, Mr Colin Johnson, from a decision of a Grimsby industrial tribunal last July who awarded the employee, Miss Diana Baxter, £250 costs.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in accordance with ordinary principles of law an application for costs had to be made within a reasonable time.

Where an industrial tribunal did not reserve their decision any application should be made forthwith.

When the decision was reserved it was difficult to avoid the trouble, delay and expense of a separate hearing on costs which might well need to await the outcome of an appeal.

The terms of rule 11 were so stringent that there were few occasions when a party could expect an order for costs even if he won.

Even in the reserved decision case the expense of an extra hearing on costs might be avoided if the party which anticipated victory were to say to the tribunal that if successful he was applying now for costs, explaining why and inviting the tribunal to deal with costs in giving their decision and reasons.

Sellers liable after arrest of vessel

Athens Cape Naviera SA v Deutsche Dampschiffahrts-Gesellschaft "Hansa" Artiengesellschaft (The Barenbels)

Before Mr Justice Sheen

[Judgment delivered May 24]

Sellers of a ship were liable to the buyers under a guarantee in the contract of sale when the vessel was lawfully arrested.

Mr Justice Sheen so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division when he allowed the buyers' appeal from arbitrators who had dismissed their claim for indemnity under clause 9 of the Norwegian Saleform, after the buyers had to provide security so that the Barenbels could be released after arrest at Umm Said, Qatar, in respect of debts owed by the sellers to the Qatar National Shipping Company of Doha.

The clause provided that "the sellers guarantee that the vessel at the time of delivery is free from all encumbrances and maritime liens or any other debts whatsoever. Should any claims which have been incurred prior to the time of delivery be made against the vessel, the sellers hereby undertake to indemnify the buyers against all consequences of such claims."

Mr Bruce Reynolds for the *buyers; Mr M. N. Howard for the* sellers.

MR JUSTICE SHEEN said that the arbitrators had held that the language of clause 9 was insufficiently clear to entitle the buyers to an indemnity following the arrest

The clause should not be construed as referring solely to maritime liens recognized by an English maritime court. The clause gave world-wide protection.

If a shipowner sold a vessel with a guarantee that the vessel was "free from all encumbrances or any other debts whatsoever" he guaranteed that the vessel could not be arrested in respect of any of his debts. The words of the guarantee must refer to the debts of the seller because a vessel could not be a debtor. Encumbrances included claims and liabilities attaching to a ship and might be in respect of liabilities in respect of a sister-ship.

The arbitrators should have held that the first sentence of clause 9 embraced any indebtedness in relation to any ship in respect of which Barenbels was liable to be arrested at the suit of the creditor of the sellers.

The sellers had undertaken to *indemnify the buyers against all* consequences of any claims made against the vessel "which have been incurred prior to the time of delivery". The language was ungrammatical because claims were not incurred. To give the sentence reasonable meaning it should read "Should any claims in respect of liabilities which have been incurred prior to the time of delivery be made against the vessel".

The arbitrators had held that there was no evidence before them that any claim was made "against the vessel".

It appeared that under Qatar law a creditor could arrest a vessel which had been sold to a new owner provided it was owned by the debtor when the debt arose and gave a wider range of remedies to creditors of shipowners than English law. The proceedings had been properly brought in Qatar.

If the buyers had not given security no doubt there would have been an application in the Qatar court to sell the vessel.

His Lordship was at a loss to understand what the arbitrators meant by their finding that the vessel's detention was solely for a *conservatory purpose.*

They stated that the claim was brought against the sellers but the buyers' ship was arrested. When a ship was under arrest the owners had only two courses – either to put up security in order to obtain the ship's release or to take no action and allow the ship to be sold. That was the hallmark of an action *in rem*.

In Qatar, the plaintiff could proceed against any ship which was owned by the debtor at the time when the debt arose. There was, therefore a remedy against the vessel for debts of her former owners. The new owners had no liability for the debts and any claim *in personam* against the buyers would fail.

The appeal must be allowed. The sellers were in breach of clause 9 of the contract for sale and were liable to indemnify the buyers against all consequences of the claims made against the ship.

Solicitors: Richards, Butler & Co; Bird & Bird.

Right of action barred by arbitration clause

Socony Mobil Oil Company Inc and Others v West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (London) Ltd

Before Mr Justice Leggatt

[Judgment delivered May 25]

Section 1(1) of the Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Act 1930 operated, where an insured company had been wound up, to transfer to a third party having a claim against the insured company not the insured's claim against the insurer but the contractual rights of the insured under the contract of insurance. Accordingly, where that contract contained a *Scott v Avery* clause ((1856) 5 HL Cas 811) which made the submission of any dispute to arbitration a condition precedent to the insured's right to sue under the contract, a third party's action was barred by that clause even though it referred only to claims by the insured.

Mr Justice Leggatt so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division, giving judgment for the defendant, the West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (London) Ltd, a protection and indemnity (P & I) club, in two actions brought by the plaintiffs, Socony Mobil Oil Company Inc, Mobil Oil Company Ltd and Mobil Oil AG under section 1 of the 1930 Act.

The defendant had taken a preliminary point as to whether the requirement of rule 25 of its rules, that members submit any dispute to its committee and, if need be, to arbitration before any action was brought against it, deprived the plaintiffs, who had not complied with that requirement, of any right of action against it.

Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Richard D. Jacobs for the defendant; Mr Bernard Rix, QC and Mr Richard Wood for the plaintiff.

MR JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the plaintiffs had contended that *Freshwater v Western Australian Assurance Co Ltd* ([1933] 1 KB 515), *Dennehy v Bellamy* ([1938] 2 All ER 262) and *Smith v Pearl Assurance Co Ltd* ([1939] 1 All ER 95), in all of which a third party had been held to be subject to a *Smith v Avery* clause in an insurance policy, were distinguishable on the basis that the clause requiring reference to arbitration in *Freshwater's* case had referred to disputes arising between "the insured or any claimant and the company" and that the same must have been so in *Dennehy's* and *Smith's* cases, whereas in this case rule 25 referred only to disputes between members and the association. "Members", it had been argued, could not include non-members such as the plaintiffs.

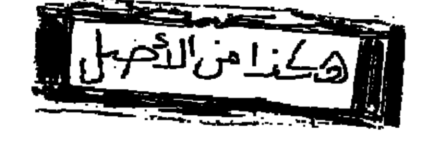
However, in his Lordship's judgment, the effect of section 1(1) of the 1930 Act, apart from which the plaintiffs had no cause of action against the defendant, was to transfer to the plaintiffs the contractual rights of the insured under the policy.

Those rights remained subject to the same incidents as they had been when they were vested in the insured: the plaintiffs had stepped into the insured's shoes, as Lord Denning had said in *Post Office v Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd* ([1967] 2 QB 363,373). The plaintiffs did not take on the insurer's rights free from the conditions of the policy – they could not pick out the plums and leave the duff behind, as Lord Justice Harman had said in the *Post Office's* case – because the Act had the effect of requiring rule 25 to be read as though "member" referred to the plaintiffs since they had been vested with the rights of a member.

The plaintiffs had further argued that the court had power under section 25(4) of the Arbitration Act 1950 to order that rule 25 should cease to have effect to bar the action, it having been assumed by the Court of Appeal in *Dennehy's* and *Smith's* cases and in *W. Bruce Ltd v J. Strong* ([1951] 2 KB 447) that such a power existed.

However, there had been no case where that court had exercised or upheld the exercise of such a power, and his Lordship would hold that on its true construction section 25(4) did not give him such a power.

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick & Willan; Allen & Overy.



THE ARTS

Another Country, which opens at the Odeon, Haymarket, on Friday, marks the cinema debut of the director Marek Kanievska; he was scarcely the obvious choice, as **Joan Goodman** discovers

Digging down to an emotional tangle

Another Country, the successful West End play by Julian Mitchell, has been turned into a film almost, it seems, in defiance of the conventional Hollywood wisdom that frowns on politics and homosexuality. What Hollywood does not have – and what England has come up with – is a director with the sensibility to dig beneath these twin dislikes to the tangle of emotion below. Marek Kanievska, an Englishman whose parents were born in Poland and came here as refugees after the Second World War, is himself a product of the Wandsworth Comprehensive School and makes his cinema debut with this thinly veiled study of the young Guy Burgess (called Bennett in the play and film), the upper-class Englishman who became a spy for Russia and escaped to Moscow just before political scandal broke in the 1950s.

Kanievska may seem an odd choice for a film set in an English public school (it looks suspiciously like Eton of the 1930s but was in fact filmed at Brasenose College) but his perspective avoids sentimentality and gives clarity and definition to Julian Mitchell's finely wrought script.

"What fascinates me", says Kanievska, "is that Bennett turns to Communism not for intellectual reasons, nor for the reasons that his friend Judd [the school's dedicated Communist] advocated, but because something emotional happens to him. The humiliation of the experience is the actual pivot that begins to make him aware of his homosexuality and it is the bitterness of that humiliation which makes him turn. Bennett is such an extraordinarily rich, intelligent, impulsive character – full of contradiction – and he ends up in Moscow for emotional reasons. His dreams are not going to be fulfilled. He's not going to become a god (a superprefect) and it's going to affect the rest of his life."

Getting the atmosphere and the attitudes of a public school right was not an easy matter, but Kanievska was undaunted. "I can never pretend to recreate completely what life is like in a public school. But I can reproduce the elements, this thing where you get boys of 16, 17, 18 desperate for power, desperate to become prefects, desperate to become gods. Their whole lives, their formative years, have been of aspiration for power. And then you wonder why government is the way it is. I went down to Eton at the beginning of the year and just spoke to lads in the street and there was an obsession about who was going to get where and who was going to be what captain, who was going to get into the hierarchy of the school. There was all this longing and desperation."

The homosexuality was a different sort of problem. On stage there was a great deal of campness. Sex was played for laughs and Bennett's lover Harcourt never appears. The film, though, focuses on the relationship. It is helped in no small measure by Mitchell's script, which has been opened up to include background elements which give the film a strong central structure. For the theatrical laughs, he has substituted wit and an internal humour that works like a bas-relief against the serious context of the film.

Rupert Everett, who originated the role of Guy Bennett on stage, comes up with a performance that is at once passionately persuasive and subtly effective. "Rupert's performance on stage manipulated the audience brilliantly, which was exactly right for the West End", says Kanievska, "but I thought, Christ, that will be a nightmare on film. But Rupert was wonderful. As long as you have a strong sense of exactly what you need from him, you get it.

"Every actor needs to be handled in a different way. It's just finding the key that will unlock whatever they can bring on to the screen. And there are no rules. With some of them I had to be incredibly tough and kick, with Rupert I just had to be very open, generous, observant. With Colin Firth, who plays Judd, it was different. I had to be very hard. He was convinced he was not working, he was doing nothing at all, he was wasting time, there was no character there and that all that would come across would be this cardboard cutout. For six weeks I could feel him turning up just hating the whole process, and I would say to him just do one the way I want. And of course he comes across wonderfully on screen."

Kanievska, now 32, grew up in Battersea very much a part of his parents' Polish expatriate community. He knew by the time he was 11 what he wanted to do. "My parents took me to see a Polish dance group and they completely captured my imagination in mood and atmosphere and the sort of extraordinary magic that was created on stage. I thought at that point that I wanted something to do with creating illusion. A year later I saw a David Lean film and I thought, this is it, I must try to make films."

He left school at 15, with not a very good education, and became a stage hand in the theatre for a few years. He left theatre for television and again started at the bottom and worked his way up. "It's difficult getting in without what is classified as a standard education", he says. Eventually he directed soaps and serials and finally came to critical attention when the producer Margaret Mattheson asked him to direct *Muck and Brass* for Central Television.

An enthusiastic, sceptical man with a contagious laugh and an energy level that hovers at boiling point, Kanievska is pleased with the reception *Another Country* recieved at Cannes, but he is taking with a grain of salt the "Mickey Mouse offers" that are suddenly coming his way. "I don't want to live in history. I want my first three films to be all completely different."

Kanievska: "I don't want to live in history . . ."

Bath Festival

Endymion Ensemble
Pump Room

The Georgian Pump Room at Bath is no doubt used to more delicate entertainments than that which assailed it on Monday night: a late-evening programme for which the Endymion Ensemble had brought choice items from their London series marking Harrison Birtwistle's fiftieth birthday, and had added to them a new production of his savage ritual play *Down by the Greenwood Side*. But, if the smug comfortableness of the surroundings accentuated what is fierce and caustic in Birtwistle's music, the performances were such as to make beauty come out of the fire.

This was so most particularly in *Monody for Corpus Christi*, which Jane Ginsborg sang as if here was something of desperate importance to be said, with only one way of saying it: in long jagged lines, nurtured with responsive purity. Birtwistle's arrangement of the Machaut *Hoquetus* will never seem other than a singe from his nearness at the time to Peter Maxwell Davies; but other influences were more suitably marked in a neatly-judged account of Stravinsky's clarinet pieces from David Fuest and a forward, incisive performance of Varèse's *Octandre*.

After this *Down by the Greenwood Side* was a potent reminder of what is not only one of Birtwistle's strongest pieces but also a rare survivor from the Sixties vogue for music-theatre. The idea of interleaving the mummers' play of St George and Bold Slasher with a poignantly phrased setting for solo soprano of a folk ballad of child murder might sound contrived, but Birtwistle's rowdy music, at once rough and keen, welds the piece together and draws attention through its repetitiveness to the way both stories function as myths of the seasons.

David Penn's production, with magnificent costumes by David Blight, got the right mix of ancient and modern with its melange of punk and Morris, Boy George and Wurzel Gummidge. Exuberantly acted, sung, fought and danced, it deserves to be seen more widely.

Paul Griffiths

Concerts

Winning wispiness

Sinfonietta/Ziegler
Wigmore Hall

There are debut recitals and debut recitals; modest affairs, hyped happenings, exciting discoveries and gratuitous self-indulgences. But this was a classic example of the form. At enormous expense (presumably his own, with the assistance of the British Fulbright Scholars' Association), the American oboist David Rowland brought the London Sinfonietta, plus distinguished singer and conductor, to the Wigmore Hall to present an evening of five oboe-dominated works, including (magic bait for the critics) two British premières.

It was a bold notion, and we had the right to expect something special. And indeed David Rowland is a highly accomplished albeit somewhat unconventional oboist. He plays his instrument with exceptional freedom, which is to say that it waves about in front of him moving from side to side in a way I have never seen any other oboist achieve. The flexibility gives his playing a certain suppleness – it is as if the sound floated out of a blade of grass plucked from the ground.

But, if that makes it sound wispy, then that would be accurate. If it makes it sound lacking in real focus and concentration, that would be accurate too. In the musings of Vaughan Williams's pleasant 1948 Concerto, one can feel the elusive dreaminess of Rowland's playing to be apt. And in Samuel Barber's Canzonetta, too, with its lusciously unoriginal cantilena, Rowland made a sweet, sometimes uneven sound which only failed to carry over the heavily sustained strings. Handel's G minor Concerto, busily over-decorated, was at least sharper

An evening of rather self-conscious wispiness, even when projected with Rowland's winning confidence, can get a bit much, however. And when he chooses two such sterling examples of the art of his native land as Ned Rorem's song-cycle *After Long Silence* and Lukas Foss's Oboe Concerto, one is forced to wonder about his taste.

Linda Hirst, who stepped in for Felicity Palmer and brought her very considerable artistry to bear on the Rorem settings – fatuous powdered-milk dilutions which left their superb poetry quite untouched – had my sympathy. But the bathetic neo-classicisms of the Foss – a 1948 *Pulcinella* without the jokes, the skill or the substance – although zappily played under Robert Ziegler's direction, set my teeth on edge.

Nicholas Kenyon

Joaquin Achucarro
St John's/Radio 3

When Elisabeth Leonskaja became ill towards the end of last week, and had to withdraw from the BBC's lunchtime concert on Monday, her place was taken by Joaquin Achucarro from Spain. He brought a different programme, to be repeated on Radio 3 next Sunday, which began with a sonorously effective performance of Bach's Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major (BVW 564) in the arrangement by Busoni.

Its origin as a work for organ could always be discerned in the pianist's sturdy passage-work and deliberate phrasing, as if he were building a musical edifice to give a sense of grandeur as well as eloquent feeling. Added to the equal temperament of its harmonic bases was an equable sensibility in the shaping of its three movements, from the improvisatory Toccata to a disciplined final Fugue in which argument was put before virtuoso display.

There was a similar seriousness of approach to the three Intermezzi, Op 117, by Brahms, which always gain interest in relation to each other when played as a group. Perhaps there was too much specific melody imposed on the second of them when this should only be implied, but the beguiling simplicity of the first Intermezzo, and the ballad-like quality the pianist brought to the darker tones of the last, ensured a vividness that made them more than a passing diversion.

Chopin's B minor Sonata, Op 58, was distinguished by a sense of musical proportion brought to the performance from the outset, and by the way in which the plaintively lyrical second theme had acquired a contrasting confidence by the time it came back towards the end of the first movement. Thereafter the performance seemed concerned not to be too assertive.

Even the fast passages of the second movement and the fleet-fingured scales in the finale had a measured thoughtfulness that also made the tenderly phrased slow movement a particular pleasure.

Noël Goodwin

Television

Gangland's gruesome glamour

In Los Angeles, where even angels may have second thoughts about treading at night, police have identified 400 street gangs, mainly black or Chicano (Latin-American). Membership is estimated at 40,000 and this army uses firepower rising in sophistication from the humble, homemade but lethal zip gun to carbines. The Blacks think of themselves as gangsters; the Chicanos, who have a strong territorial imperative, as soldiers. Immigrants from Vietnam, Korea and Taiwan, accepting the gang culture as the thing, are adding variety to this mix.

In the last four years, 1,000 murders have been attributed to the gangs, the average age of killer and killed being 16, and armed robberies confound statistics.

This was the unreal life graphically filmed in BBC1's new series **Real Lives** last night. Gang members spoke to camera with the usual braggadocio but their scars and weapons testified to the grim reality. Watching, one could only be relieved one did not have to live there and wonder how such a city could be thought appropriate for the Olympics.

The programme, produced by Clive Syddall, was more impressed by the sensation of it all, the categories, the rituals and the violence about the causes. It nodded, briefly at unemployment – one in two black youths is unemployed, one in three Chicanos – which does not really explain it at all. Fewer thugs and more analysis might have made the conclusion that the American way of life embodies an unacceptable degree of violence more resistible.

Yorkshire's **First Tuesday**, by contrast, was compassionate, dealing first with a 17-year-old boy, Stephen Brown, handicapped because his mother contracted rubella during pregnancy. Stephen, whose father has cared for him single-handedly for four years, is at present with a special unit at Market Deeping, opened three years ago by the National Association for Deaf, Blind and Rubella-Handicapped Children. They took him first on a three-month trial but now he is in their impressively dedicated care for a year.

This is an epidemic year for rubella: 500 children will be born handicapped. An effective vaccine is available but more than one in eight teenage girls fail to take advantage of it. Yorkshire's programme, hopefully, will heighten awareness.

The second part, *Safe House*, told how refugees from Latin-America are, with the aid of church groups willing to defy the law, finding sanctuary in the United States. Like the first half, it was encouraging in its humanity. Sensation is not everything.

Dennis Hackett

This year's York Mystery Plays, centrepiece of the city's 1984 festival, begin on Friday in a new production by the American-based Toby Robertson: **Anthony Masters** reports

Teaching the beauty of words

Did the Virgin Mary have the benefit of midwifery? The York Mystery Plays, with typical confidence, assume that she did: the Nativity stage direction is quite explicit. "Maria, Josep, obstetrix . . . " Like a medieval cathedral with its mass of detail, this huge text (15 hours' playing time if uncut) constantly yields unnoticed touches of sharp imagination. For Toby Robertson, whose new production opens on Friday as the centrepiece of the 1984 York Festival, the beauty and intricacy of the language is what he specially seeks to reveal.

With – apart from Jesus (Simon Ward) – an amateur cast in an open-air setting, there are potential audibility problems. There always were, because the surviving bays of the ruined St Mary's Abbey have naturally defined the playing area – too large a one, in Robertson's view. This time the audience's raked seats will form a semicircle within the abbey walls, focusing on a much smaller stage: Franco Colavecchia, known for his opera work in New York, has designed a circular platform only 30 feet wide, with heavenly levels above and grated trapdoors like mad Malvolio's which lead down to an infernal basement.

Robertson would have liked to stick closer to the medieval staging, when each of the 49 guilds mounted their own episode of the story from the Creation to the Last Judgment, and toured through the streets all day playing on special floats or carts. "What I'd have preferred is to have it dotted all round the abbey, all over the Museum Gardens – instead of moving the carts we could have moved the audience. But too many of the audience would be faithful old ladies, too old to move.

"The design of the carts is still something of a mystery, but we know they had backcloths – I suspect that, when they stopped in the streets to play, they didn't play in the round but up against a wall . . . and that, like these Spanish carts Leslie Hotson describes in *Shakespeare's Wooden O*, they had deep bottoms like the hold of a ship, for trapdoors and smoke and so on." Thus the visual concept, instead of spreading all the locations widely apart on the flat, is vertical, like the theological hierarchy of the plays.

In this more intimate setting Robertson hopes that more of the lyrical, sometimes sublimely simple, sometimes raw and brutal language will be heard and enjoyed, and that the piously declamatory approach can be avoided. He speaks affectionately of his amateur players, mostly female (a perennial feature of amateur drama), with only three hours an evening to rehearse: "One has to be a mixture of scoutmaster, director, teacher (especially that) and nanny. . ."

These few weeks have been really just a busman's holiday from his work schedule in America: Shakespeare workshops at New York's Circle Rep, and now *The Barber of Seville* for Beverly Sills and Smetana's *The Kiss*, both for City Opera.

In Britain, where he has not directed for four years, his reputation rests on the great days of Prospect and the Cambridge Theatre Company in the late Sixties and Seventies, notably the Ian McKellen *Edward II*, the long-lived *Twelfth Night* set in a Byronic Illyria and the outrageous *Pericles* with Derek Jacobi as its still centre.

Elizabethan drama, of course, comes hot on the heels of the mystery-play tradition. The York cycles ceased only in 1560, and within a few years London's first theatres opened. "I wonder", says Robertson, "how often these plays are seen as the actual genesis of English secular drama that they are." He adds that some of the riots of wordplay and alliteration (like the *Stabreim* in Wagnerian librettos) could have come straight out of *Love's Labour's Lost*.

"This is what every interpretation has to start from: the text. That is your rock" – and he goes on to speak of some recent classic productions with pained bewilderment.

After centuries of obscurity, the plays where finally revived in 1951, in a version by Canon J. S. Purvis that forms the basis for the 1984 text. Since only about a fifth of the full length can be used, directors have not only omitted whole episodes but condensed those that remain.

"I think this is a pity; the proportions go awry. Some of the superb long speeches, like St Thomas the Apostle's sermon in the Weavers of Woollen's Play, have never been heard entire. They are beautifully constructed, like operatic arias. What I've done is to use fewer plays, but a fuller text of each. I've also chosen several plays not seen in twentieth-century revivals: the Hatmakers' Play of the Purification with the song of Simeon, the Spurriers' Play of young Jesus among the doctors in the Temple, and the Doctor (he may be a sixteenth-century addition) who speaks a long prologue to the Spicers' Play and whom I use chorically.

"I would dearly love to do the whole cycle, perhaps in two parts on two evenings as the National did. But people don't like the idea of seeing any of it without the Crucifixion. That's always been the big visual moment of the production. Night has come down by that time – of course one has to direct the early scenes, in daylight, in quite a different way because the whole stage is wide open and can't be confined by stage lighting – and it's staged very beautifully. Everyone feels very comforted by it, almost; there's the central image, they know where they are.

"But of course it's the *Resurrection* that's important; that's what took everybody by surprise. I'm keeping my dramatic tricks for the end of the play, which isn't easy – like the last acts of *Antony and Cleopatra* and *The Duchess of Malfi*, the leading character has already gone."

Toby Robertson reveals his set

Theatre

Victorian fugitives

The Merry Wives of Windsor
Regent's Park

"Let the sky rain potatoes!" cries Falstaff in Windsor Forest, desperate for aphrodisiacs on being confronted by both mistresses at once. For most of the evening it had rained almost everything else, summer (as Lamb said) having set in with its usual severity. But, though at times sticking it out seemed like an ordeal for cast and audience, the finale's magic triumphed over the drizzle.

David Conville's poduction is japishly set in Victoria's Windsor and seemingly peopled by fugitives from early *Punch* cartoons. The endearing Justice Shallow (James Cairncross) "turns again towards childish treble" neatly accoutred in gaiters and a shooting-stick. Malcolm James's Slender is every inch the blond twit-about-town. Ronald Fraser's Falstaff, strangely resembling a corpulent Verdi, is a magnificent plus-foured dandy with a weakness for whist and porter, a plum waistcoat dignifying his girth, a trio of ragged Crimean veterans and a cigar-smoking Oliver Twist at his heels.

Apart from the notorious loose ends in plotting (and dialogue is added to sort out the abortive "horses" episode) there is some dense comic writing to get through, and this theatre does not favour rapid pace even on a fine day. While impeccable in appearance, Mr Fraser suffered early on from a thick delivery that suggested his famous halfpenny worth of bread was still in his cheek, and the flirtation scenes were over-played, but he rose beautifully to pathetic, rueful dignity for the humiliation at Herne's Oak.

Warmly partnered by Philippa Gail, Kate O'Mara gives Mistress Ford the style and insouciance of Restoration comedy. Dora Bryan, as Mistress Quickly, cheerfully copes with a foppish Caius (Paul Raffield) sporting a Clouseau accent and makes a grandly suburban Queen of the Fairies.

This comfortable bourgeois milien suits Ford down to the ground, but apart from one glorious gag, spearing the basket and blasting it with a shotgun before finding it empty of Falstaff, Berwick Kaler never becomes truly comic or tragic. Nor (not surprisingly in these genial surroundings) is much made of almost everyone's snobbery and avarice: with one interesting exception. Throwing off references to his wild behaviour and tipping banknotes in all directions, Fenton (Richard E. Grant) is a palpable cad and Ann's story, just beginning, may not be as pleasant as her mother's.

Anthony Masters

Pop music

O.M.D.
Hammersmith Odeon

When Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark first came to notice six year ago their combination of electronics and fast, post-punk-inspired pop was still a fairly novel commodity. A duo, Andy McCluskey and Paul Humphreys, they recorded for the Factory label as contemporaries of Joy Division, and could have followed the latter's lead by becoming cult heroes.

Instead, O.M.D., as they are now known, expanded their horizons from homemade synths, a single drum and bass and gazed upon chart success. Their debut single, "Electricity", set the style for this energetic group. In their songs the catchphrase is all, and rhythms are club-based, often slavishly emulating the dreaded 12-inch mix.

Now the O.M.D. have added a second bank of synths, a drummer and shrill brass to give some counterpoint to their material the limited scope of their music remains inescapable. Its focal point is McCluskey's spirited prancing, which helps to distract the mind from the numbing repetition of their melodies and an otherwise total absence of visual stimulation.

The trouble with bands like O.M.D. is that their act is not well suited to live reproduction. They play as if to a television audience, preferring overstated gestures to much subtlety of mood. Some songs – "Joan of Arc", "Maid of New Orleans" or the melodramatic "Souvenir" – distil what they do best and put a release on their breakneck drive. Mostly, they are happiest celebrating dance-floor abandon while lacking the soul to elevate a simple bash like "White Trash" beyond an over-amplified approximation of a cigarette advert.

Max Bell

Angus McBean, now and then

Britain's greatest theatrical photographer is 80 on Friday. Adrian Woodhouse and Geoffrey Watkins report on the intriguing past and present master

Angus McBean has come back to life. Sixteen years ago his current blizzard of activity in London, Paris and Suffolk would scarely have seemed possible. Then the great theatrical photographer had given up his art after a major operation. He had abandoned his London studio and withdrawn to the extraordinary medieval-Elizabethan fantasy house he was creating for himself in Suffolk.

In 1968, after all, the glossy perfection of Angus McBean's ever-beautiful people and the artifice of his choice, single shots, elaborate sets, multiple exposures and intricate photo-montage was considered old hat beside the grainy, scatter-shooting "realism" of a Snowdon or a David Bailey.

There was still, at the age of 65, plenty for McBean the master craftsman to do. All his life he had been making designs for living, from the silvered "artistic" house that he created as a teenager in South Wales to his Regency chic in Georgian Islington which he first colonized in 1950.

In the 1930s he first came to fame as a modeller of theatrical masks and maker of scenery. In the 1950s he redesigned the Academy Cinema in Oxford Street, London, in a style that can only be described as Second Empire Strikes Back.

So Angus McBean in 1968 quietly set about pollinating Suffolk with his craft. His house, Flemings Hall, grew into a fantasia of panelling, screens and staircases. He restored and 'made' antiques. He decorated much of the interior of Hintlesham Hall, the gastronomic country seat of restaurateur Robert Carrier, to whom he had sold his house in Islington. Occasionally, when friends begged him, he took photographs.

Then, a few years ago, the cycle of fame, rejection and reappraisal turned another 180°. Another generation, hungry for glamour and artifice and more consciously romantic, discovered Angus McBean for itself.

Almost overnight Flemings Hall became a place of pilgrimage and Angus McBean became a set text in every British school of photography. His pictures are now on semi-permanent exhibition around the country and in Europe, and scarcely a week seems to pass without his images appearing in some new publication. The man himself, professing himself "simply astonished" by the revival of interest, tirelessly travels about to deliver lectures and appear on television. Last year he also went back to work.

It was the French couture magazine *L'Officiel* in Paris who commissioned McBean to produce 16 pages of colour surrealist fashion photographs. They appeared to much ballyhoo in France last autumn. This spring he took another series of "theatrical" fashion photographs for French *Vogue*. These are on show for the first time in this country in McBean's 80th birthday exhibition at the Photographers' Gallery in London.

To meet the demands of his new photographic commissions he is preparing a return to London. Shortly he will be sharing a fifth-floor studio in Southwark with young photographer Mike Owen.

He has a disarming explanation for his current réclame. "I'm an ancient monument now and part of the romantic movement is a preoccupation with age," he laughs. "No, I think the point is that photography is something which everybody can do now, technically. Photorealism, for example is something which is very easy. So because anybody can do it, people want a bit more again. My pictures offer a bit more. The surrealism is very lighthearted, but it brings quite a different approach to fashion photography, for example.

"The important thing now is not how good a photographer you are, but how good your eye to see what should be in the picture. I have never considered photography to be an art – how can anything that is just a mechanical process be an art? But what goes into a photograph *may* be an art."

The McBean way of taking a photograph is still largely unaltered in the face of the technical changes. The black velvet cloth to cover his head was once the cloak for Peter O'Toole's *Hamlet* at the Old Vic.

"My camera is still my old Sinar monorail on a tripod with 5"×4" plates. I changed to this size when the old half plates became too expensive and of course now the plates are film, not glass. My lights are all my old lights, they're not made any more but I was able years ago to buy up a whole store of the bulbs. Film speeds have changed completely in the last 20 years and I never used to use an exposure meter, nor have learned to use one since. I have a young photographer as an assistant who reads the meter."

"Black and white printing paper of the quality that I used to use now doesn't exist. Modern black and white prints are very cold, the warm, rich flesh tones that I used to get are just no longer there. That is why I now like working in colour.

"French *Vogue* have indicated that they would like me to go back to do two more sessions for them, including a series of surreal pictures out of doors, which will be rather unusual. I've already made my Christmas card for this year, playing on the fact that I'm 80. It's very easy to become 80, you know. You've only got to sit still and it happens. It's no real achievement."

The McBean style: fashion for French *Vogue* earlier this year, and a 1938 surrealist portrait of Penelope Dudley Ward, published in *The Daily Sketch*

1948: Geoffrey Watkins, young and out of work, rings a doorbell and meets an artist.

The blow-up of Mae West in a glass frame outside a four-storied house in seedy Endell Street, London, caught my eye. I was glad to pause as I was half way between Fleet Street, where I had failed to find work and Soho where I had been promised a job printing contacts.

I was an RAF photographer trying to break into journalism. Angus McBean, the photograph proclaimed in large letters. The name meant nothing to me, but the portrait was arresting and imaginative and I thought I wouldn't mind working for a man who could use a camera as a great artist uses his brushes and colours. I rang the bell. The door opened and I came face to face with a bearded man who might have been a pirate.

I was aware of tremendous energy as he glared at me. I asked him – feeling not a little intimidated – if he had any jobs going. "Come in," he growled, and I followed him.

"You are Welsh", he said. I nodded, reluctant to say much in case I jeopardized my chances. "So am I", he said.

He told me that he was a theatrical photographer. The prospects seemed attractive and romantic. "I don't really have a vacancy", he said, "but if my mother likes you, you can work here. This is what I want you to do. Cherry *(his mother)* is coming up from Wales this afternoon. I want you to take a taxi and go to meet her. If you get on you can start on Monday."

Angus was a demanding man, setting high standards. He wanted things done at once and was impatient if they were not. But he was never unfair. I never met such a man for utilizing time; his hands were tools, engaged in retouching, carpentry, running something up on a sewing machine, or whatever needed doing in the house.

The house, too, was remarkable. On the ground floor was the studio. As you entered the door the first thing that caught your eye was a marionette of Mae West under domed glass. She and so many other Hollywood stars had trod the boards in this studio, no larger than a medium-sized bathroom.

The bare beams in the roof supported the huge backgrounds that slid down into the vertical position by pulley. In the middle of the floor was his large Adams Reflex camera with its stand. A coil of rope lay in one corner, a sculpted head in another, a small mound of sand and a pile of leatherbound books.

The room above could not have been more different: a place of comfort and for relaxation. The walls were painted to resemble red-veined marble, two gilt pillars supported an arch on either side of which were alcoves holding old English china and Dresden figurines.

The adjoining room was like something from Salvador Dali, whom Angus greatly admired. The ceiling was painted to give the effect of looking up through a wooden trellis into a blue sky. There were murals of crumbling ruins and a gilt-framed picture which appeared to be dripping with damp.

On the floor above was his bedroom and a delightful sitting room with a quaint country charm. Shelves filled one wall and held the dozens of old English mugs he collected. Other walls held bookshelves filled with volumes.

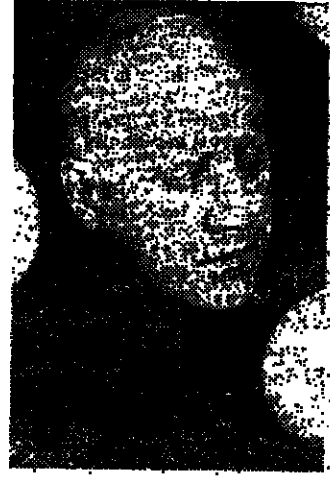
Angus stood out even in bohemian company. He wore homespun tweeds, the trousers cut sailor-fashion with deep pockets into which he thrust his hands.

Like Alfred Hitchcock, with whom I also worked, he was forever asking questions and wanting to know answers. He could observe things as sharply as D H Lawrence and he had a positive, uplifting response to life, if sometimes exhausting for the rest of us.

The famous and the rich came down that narrow corridor. I can still recall the thrill when Laurence Olivier brought Yolande Donlan, enveloped in a white fox fur (I don't think Angus liked that) to the studio, and when I eavesdropped on Olivier talking to Tyrone Guthrie on the telephone.

I used to help Angus to set up the tiny studio and then I left him. When I saw the first prints I used to be amazed that such imaginative work could be done in such a small space. Sometimes when principal opera singers came to the studio the photographs seemed to have been taken in a great opera house.

Angus had many disappointments and many setbacks, but nothing got him down for long. His marriage was not a success and he and his wife parted, thousands of his irreplaceable half plate negatives were destroyed in the blitz, and he made some enemies because of his outspokeness, but he never spoke ill of them.



Fantastic faces: Beatrice Lillie, Lady Peel, published in the *Tatler* in 1959 when she appeared in "An Evening with Beatrice Lillie", left, and right, a portrait of Alfred Drayton.

Mirror images: Dorothy Dickson, left, in 1939. "I had to flood the glass. Miss Dickson got rather wet". Right, pop man David Sylvian's video based on Flora Robson's portrait.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Would you like to get better quality photographs on your holiday abroad this year? You would? Then leave your camera behind and buy postcards when you get there! There is a real difference between your amateur holiday snaps and the stuff taken by the professional boys who know all the tricks. The professional stuff is smooth, boring and plastic, and your pictures have the electrifying quality of genuine folk art.

So today I'm going to give you a few tips on how to give your foreign footage the real amateur feel. I'm assuming that you already know the basic techniques, like remembering to take the lens cap off and not forgetting the film. This is more advanced stuff, like . . .

1. Photographing mountains from a distance. You would be surprised how many people try to photograph mountains when they are standing on top of them. All they get, of course, is a few rocks, and rocks are just boring old rocks, whatever the geologists say. So make sure to stand back about 20 miles. To give an even greater illusion of distance, try to get something in the foreground.

2. Identifying people. How many times have you got your holiday snaps back from your Asian chemist and wondered who all these total strangers are standing around in your photograph? This can easily be avoided by getting them all, at the time of exposure, to hold up large placards with their names on. For example, "Cousin Madge", "Pepe the Waiter", "My husband", and so on.

3. Getting people to smile. Say in a loud voice: "Okay, I've taken the photo," when you haven't done anything of the sort. As soon as they know it's all over, people start to relax and smile. Take the photo then.

4. Avoiding the temptation to take photographs out of the aeroplane window. There's only one thing that will ever come out, and that is the aeroplane window. This is because all aeroplane windows have multiple scratches on the outside. Why? Are they the frantic scrabblings of late arrivals trying to get in? Are they the marks left by big stones kicked up on rough third world runways? Who knows?

5. Snapping nature that stands still. Nobody has ever taken a good photograph of a bird or an animal on holiday, because they always move. The only things guaranteed not to move are mushrooms, octopus cooked in their own ink, or avocados with shrimps.

6. Taking a photo of the place you stayed at. If they can't get a good picture of themselves (and they never can), you won't either.

7. Taking a picture of a bull-fight. Never take a picture of a bull-fight. This also applies to processions, the insides of restaurants, donkeys, palm trees and Cousin Madge eating octopus for the first time.

8. Selling your snaps to Fleet Street. When you get back, try to place at least one of your photographs in your local newspaper. You won't get paid much for it, but it does mean you can write off the whole of your trip against tax: "To photographic expedition to North Africa, £720".

Good luck. And whatever you do, don't send us your holiday photographs to look at.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 360)

ACROSS
1 Make secure (6)
4 Detached garage (6)
7 Fervent devotion (4)
8 Insinuation (8)
9 Trouble-maker (8)
13 Without alcohol (3)
16 Incidental perk (6,7)
17 Hyde Park gunners (1,1,1)
19 Gas-propelled jet (8)
24 For both genders (8)
25 Gen purposes vehicle (4)
26 Fish hawk (6)
27 Exhilarated (6)

DOWN
1 Disconcert (4)
2 Remote Utopia (7,2)
3 Nigerian currency (5)
4 Jargon (5)
5 Head cook (4)
6 Cows' teats (5)
10 Tipsy (5)
11 Seed potato (5)
12 Last sonata movement (5)
13 Not the same (9)
14 Abominable snowman (4)
15 At a distance (4)
18 Skin follicle growths (5)
20 Loan overcharge (5)
21 Hull sump (5)
22 Equipment (4)
23 Start oil well (4)

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Songs, dance and Makarova magic

Clare Colvin discovers how the former Kirov ballerina is keeping on her toes

Dancer supreme: "It is not an ordinary life, it is a special life", protests Natalia Makarova in her London dressing room

Even the relaxed publicity man for the musical, *On Your Toes*, admitted he was in awe of its star, Natalia Makarova. Searching for words to describe her, he came up with the masterly understatement: "Well, she's not one of the chorus kids."

Natalia Makarova, the former Kirov Ballet dancer who defected to the West in 1970, is one of the great ballerinas of the century. Since the 1970s, when she made her home in America, she has rarely been seen here, but when she has danced at Covent Garden, the audience atmosphere has been electric. It is not simply her technical perfection, but the finely-tuned temperament that is able to express the depths of emotion. She is now back with the acting/dancing role of the tempestuous Russian dancer, Vera Baranova, in the lighthearted Rodgers and Hart musical, for which she received a Tony Award during its New York run last year. It opens at the Palace Theatre on June 12.

We were shown into Miss Makarova's dressing room by her minder, Dina Makarova – no relation. Natalia smiled good humouredly for the camera. The other Miss Makarova was worried about the combination of cowboy boots and the satin appliquéd dressing gown, and produced a pair of high-heeled swansdown slippers for her. Natalia laughed at the rows of plaster on her toes, revealing the punishment that a dancer gives her feet.

The photographer left, and the interview began with the second Miss Makarova perched on a chair in front of us to give guidance. Miss Makarova is still not an entirely confident English-speaker.

Jazz dancing is she says, totally different in the use of muscles. The rhythm and syncopation of movement is also different, but she had already danced in a similar genre for George Balanchine, the show's New York choreographer. And as for why she had chosen to appear in a musical – "I did it because Mr Balanchine asked me.

"I was not sure whether I would be able to make it, and it began almost as a game. I had never used my voice on stage before, and had never been an actress. It was difficult at first. When I first appeared in it, my husband told me that the viens in my throat used to stick out. Once I had trained my voice, it didn't happen any more.

"Now I feel really comfortable on stage both to dance and to act. When I heard the laughter of the public at my intonation, I began to think that maybe I should do some more acting. It is certainly less of a physical strain. In dancing, the demands on your physique are much greater. Everything affects your performance – if you have a corn and cannot put on point shoes, the weather, your mood, what you eat, what you read."

She has a barre in the dressing room for pre-show practice, and works for two and a half hours on both the voice and body before the evening performance. She also has an hour's class in the morning. She does not spend as much time as she would like with her six year old son, Andrei, whom she calls "Andrusha".

Her great sadness is that Andrusha will never see his grandparents. When she left the Kirov Ballet in September, 1970, at 29 years old, during its London tour and sought political asylum, she was aware that she might never see her family again. The Soviet authorities have never relented. As far as they were concerned, she was unforgiveable. She had been the star of the company, had her own flat and a servant to queue in the foodshops for her. They certainly did not understand the need for more artistic freedom and her feelings of being stifled by a bureaucracy that says what you may or may not dance – a new ballet of Romeo and Juliet in which she was to appear was banned as ideologically unsound.

She telephones her mother, stepfather and stepbrother in Leningrad once a month, but she has found letters and presents usually do not reach them. She cannot contact her old friends. "It is too dangerous for my friends if I write to them. After so many years, nothing has changed and if anything it is worse. But I believe it will be finished one day . . .".

She met her husband, Edward Karkar, whose business is electronic telecommunications, in the United States in 1974 and they married in 1976. He first saw her in San Francisco with the Kirov in 1961. Eight years older than she, he is "quite famous in his own business, and he is interested in art, ballet and music". He is based in San Francisco and they have homes in New York and London. She was married twice in Russia, first to a dancer and then an engineer.

Ask about the difficulty of fitting in a taxing career with her everyday life, and the eyes flash again. "It is not an ordinary life, it is a special life", she protests. "New York is crazy, you don't have one second to spare, and I am always late, like most Russians". A measure of her social life can be gauged by the names of the godparents of her son - ex-King Constantine of Greece, Jackie Onassis and Rudolf Nureyev.

Plans for the future? She refers to Dina Markarova and asks if it can be mentioned. Dina says it can, so she tells me that she is probably to dance in The Blue Angel, a ballet to be choreographed by Roland Petit for the Berlin Ballet in 1985. She is excited at the thought of dancing the role that Marlene Dietrich created.

A head pops round the door. "It's your half hour call, Miss Makarova". Half an hour? She had not realized it was so late. She leaps to her feet, and as we say goodbye she is already stripping off her dressing gown.

Begone dull mousse

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

Mashing things up comes so easily to machine-assisted cooks that a leaf of lettuce is sometimes the only recognizable whole ingredient in the length of a buffet table. What has not been pulvernized and reformed has very likely been sliced, chopped or crimped. And pretty as it all looks, there is not always a lot left to chew.

Thoughtful or surprising contrasts of texture are every bit as pleasing as felicitous combinations of taste, which brings me to that pillar of summer entertaining, the salmon mousse. Does it really taste of salmon, or is it too creamy, too floppy, too insubstantial to have much to commend it at all?

As a way of recycling leftovers, hot or cold, it is unbeatable, but do not assume that salmon mousse is more economical than plain fish. Marks & Spencer was charging £4.49 per pound for tailpeices last week (cutlets were 50p more) while a local fishmonger had whole fish at £2 a pound. These fish were handy weights too at three to four pounds each.

I cooked a four-pounder to serve hot for an easy middle-of-the-working-week dinner party using a foolproof method usually advised for cooking large whole fish to serve cold. It does, however, require a fish-kettle or pan which will hold the fish without too much room to spare.

Cover the cleaned and scaled fish with cold water and add a little salt, a couple of bay leaves and a few slices of lemon. Cover the pan and bring the water to the boil. Immediately reduce the heat and simmer the fish for *one* minute only then turn off the heat and leave the fish in the hot water for one and a half to two hours. After two hours it will still be hot and it will be perfectly cooked.

Earlier in the week I made a salmon mousse which really tasted of salmon. Pieces of flaked fish added interest to its denser than usual texture, and a spoonful of aniseed flavoured pastis, in this case Pernod, added interest to the taste. I have completely gone off fancy fish-shaped moulds for this kind of dish and served the mousse straight from a wide white bowl. It went down well as a first course served with freshly made toast, as well as more conventionally with potato and crisp green salads.

Salmon mousse
Serves six to eight

- 450g (1 lb) cold poached salmon, free of skin and bone
- 300 ml (½ pint) fish stock
- 2 tablespoons gelatine crystals
- 110g (4 oz) fresh ricotta or low fat curd cheese
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon pastis (optional)
- 150ml (¼ pint) double cream
- 1 egg white
- Salt and cayenne pepper

Flake the fish and set half of it aside. Put the remainder in the goblet of a food processor (or use a pestle and mortar). Put half the fish stock (ideally a well-flavoured stock containing a proportion of dry white wine) in a small pan and sprinkle the gelatine over it. Leave it to swell and soften, and when it is spongy heat it gently until the gelatine has melted completely. Allow it to cool.

In another small pan boil the remaining fish stock until it is reduced to no more than a couple of tablespoons.

Add the cheese to the fish and process them together to a smooth paste. Add the mayonnaise, gelatine and reduced fish stock. Mix well and stir in the pastis if your are using it. Whisk the egg white until it will hold a firm peak, and whip the cream until it is light and will hold floppy peaks. Fold them into the fish mixture and season it with salt and cayenne pepper to taste.

Turn the mousse into a bowl or a wetted mould and leave it in a cool place to set. Sprigs of watercress round the edge of the bowl give the mousse a fresh, summery look.

Fruit mousses, too, can be disappointingly pallid unless a little care is taken with their flavour. One of the best ways of insuring that they are not just sweet nothings is to leave the sweatened fruit purée to "ripen" for an hour or two, or better still overnight. It is a tactic that works equally well with fruit-based ice creams.

Mango mousse
Serves six to eight

- 2 ripe mangoes
- Juice of 1 lemon or lime
- 4 tablespoons rum, pale or dark
- 110 g (4 oz) golden granulated or demerara sugar
- 150 ml (¼ pint) white wine, sweet or dry
- 2 tablespoons gelatine crystals
- 1 egg white
- 150 ml (¼ pint) double cream or mild tasting creamy yogurt

Peel the mangoes and cut all the flesh from the large stones. Purée the flesh in a blender or processor, or by passing it through a sieve. Stir in the lemon or lime juice, rum and sugar. Leave the purée to "ripen".

Put the wine in a small saucepan and sprinkle it with gelatine. When the gelatine is soft and swollen, heat it gently until it dissolves completely. Stir this liquid into the fruit.

Whisk the egg white to stiff peaks and lightly whip the cream. Fold the meringue and cream or yogurt into the fruit and mix well. Pour the mousse into one large bowl or several individual bowls or glasses and leave it in a cool place to set.

Hampshire

Patricia Tisdall looks at one of England's largest counties which served as a launch pad for D-Day landings and at the changes which have occurred during the last 40 years

The whole of the Hampshire area was deeply involved in the D-Day landings of 40 years ago today. The county not only supplied the beaches from which the troops were launched, it provided many of the other facilities.

Operation Overlord was planned from Southwick House in the hills overlooking the Royal Navy's base at Portsmouth. Southampton was transformed into a marshalling area and ammunition dump and its port facilities provided the main centre for the gigantic artificial Mulberry harbours.

The millions of troops and supporting staff who contributed to the exercise were billeted all over the county extending deep into the New Forest. At Fareham, a special worker camp had a hutted canteen big enough to feed 1,000 men, the largest of its kind to be erected anywhere by the Ministry of Works. PLUTO (Pipeline Under The Ocean) stations were built on the Isle of Wight to pump fuel across the channel for the invasion vehicles.

Leafy lanes

Defence activities have been as integral a part of Hampshire's development as has its sheep and dairy farms. The army has had its main home at Aldershot in the north east corner of the county for over a century. The Royal Navy has been established at Portsmouth since Henry VIII built the dockyard there and the Spitfire fighter plane which played such a vital part in the various stages of the war was first developed and manufactured at Southampton.

After the war, defence and defence-related operations had a lot to do with accelerating the movement of existing industries into electonic and microprocessor technology and with encouraging newcomers to join them.

Companies like Decca, Marconi and Plessey all developed in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight area mainly because of high technology defence contracts. The British Hovercraft Corporation, the largest private sector employer in the Isle of Wight, has direct links with the fighting flying boats developed in the same yard at Cowes by Saunders Roe.

IBM, the world's largest computer company, has had a base in Hampshire – at Hursley Manor near Winchester – since 1958. A manufacturing complex was initially located at Millbrook in Southampton in 1966 and later transferred to Havant. Extensive training facilities are maintained at Basingstoke and in 1967 the company transferred its UK headquarters to Cosham near Portsmouth.

The result has been an odd mixture of the bucolic and the highly mobile, high-tech executives often living side by side in the same village.

Parts of Hampshire are very pretty. There are scores of villages hamlets and farms along leafy lanes which criss-cross the main arterial routes. To the east is the New Forest, a major tourist attraction in its own right, leading to Bournemouth just over the Dorset border. To the south the Isle of Wight is a popular holiday destination for more than a million people a year.

With a population of almost 1.5 million and covering an area of 1,500 square miles, Hampshire is one of the largest counties in England. While almost every type of industry is represented in the county, – more than 30 per cent of manufacturing activities involve electonics and electronic engineering – more than 50 per cent of the workforce are in the skilled, professional and managerial categories.

Biggest area of new development is in the south of the region. Although a great deal of progress has been made in the last 10 years the economies of both Southampton and Portsmouth, the two largest population centres, are still in transition. Southampton is searching for new activities to replace employment and occupy vacant space in its huge dockland area while Portsmouth is seeking to lessen its dependence on the Royal Navy.

The two cities are connected by the M27 motorway and developments are in progress which will eventually link up the sub-centres of Eastleigh, Gosport, Fareham and Havant.

The term "Solent City" is creeping back into the planners' vocabulary to describe the coastal ribbon of new development which connects the two main established cities.

Removal of constraints on office development and more sympathetic treatment of planning applications for research, development and high technology manufacuring activities is already showing signs of providing such an impetus.

Revised plan

Already, Fareham on the western borders of Portsmouth is the third biggest shopping centre.

Work is to start this year on the construction of a "campus style business park" on 230 acres on the Southampton side of Fareham, while close by at Kites Croft three miles west of Fareham outline planning consent has been granted for a "prestige campus site" which could involve 250,000 sq ft of offices.

A revised county council structure plan for south Hampshire expected to be approved by late next year also recommends that greater use should be made of vacant sites in existing built up-areas and for full use to be made of any surplus land released by the Ministry of Defence, British Rail and similar organizations.

Suresh Karadia

HMS Victory, Nelson's flagship at the battle of Trafalger and now winning tourists for Portsmouth

More than ever a naval town

Portsmouth, affectionately known as Pompey by sailors all over the world, has been Britain's foremost naval base since the Middle Ages. The port was used by the Crusaders centuries before Henry VIII established the dockyard. The D-Day Allied Expeditionary force, remembered as the largest invasion force ever launched, was masterminded from Southwick House on the northern outskirts of the city.

The Royal Navy is still by far the dominant influence on the city which, with a population of 175,380, is the area's second largest, next to Southampton. Visible relics range from a submarine graveyard at the north-west entrance to HMS Victory which was Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship at the battle of Trafalgar just inside the narrow harbour entrance. The harbour itself is crowded with grey painted battleships.

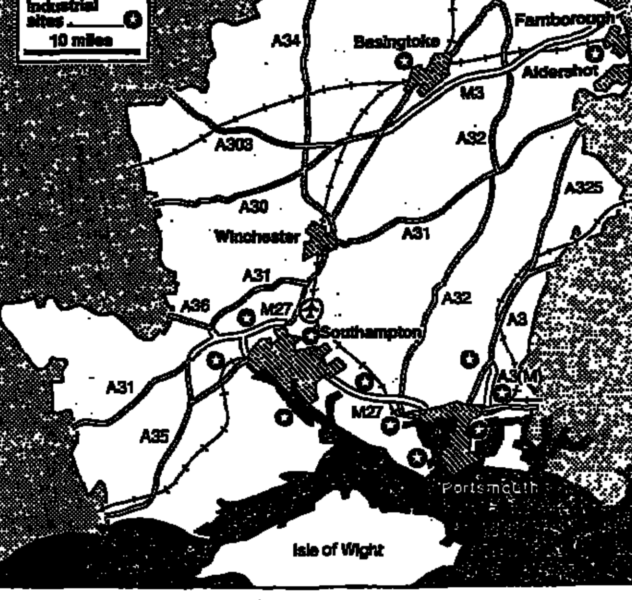
Strenuous attempts have been made with some success to wean the city from economic dependence on the Navy. But in promotional terms the authorities have made a virtue out of necessity. Portsmouth and Southsea, its associated seaside resort, have been declared a defence and maritime heritage centre and a growing tourist industry is being built on the naval associations.

Part of the dockyard has been designated as an outstanding conservation area, containing examples of eighteenth century storehouses, the first dry dock ever built, a naval academy and a church. The centrepiece is HMS Victory, which already attracts nearly 500,000 visitors a year. This has been joined by the Mary Rose, the Tudor warship which sank off Spithead in 1545 and whose salvage in 1982 was extensively televised.

There are plans for HMS Warrior, the first iron-clad, and a third unique warship to be restored and berthed nearby in 1986/87. Portsmouth will then have what its authorities claim will be the finest collection of historic ships in the world.

There are also a number of museums in the area which display a wealth of detail about ships and shipboard life through several hundred years of naval history. The Royal Naval Museum in the dockyard opens a new gallery this year which includes a special section on the Falklands campaign. The Royal Marines Museum at Eastney Barracks presents their history from 1664 to the present day.

Latest addition is a new D-Day museum at Southsea Castle. This includes a reconstruction of the Southwick House operations room as well as documents, weapons and vehicles.



Duncan Stewart

Hampshire today: the biggest area of new development is in the south of the county

Alongside the museum is a purpose-built gallery which houses the Overlord Embroidery, a magnificient work of art which took 20 craftswomen five years to complete. The embroidery depicts the Allied invasion in all its aspects on 34 panels each eight feet long. It was commissioned in 1968 by Lord Dulverton, as a modern counterpart to the Bayeux Tapestry, but with an overall length of 272 feet it is 41 foot longer than the eleventh-century version.

At Gosport, which is located on a peninsula facing the western side of Portsmouth harbour, is the Royal Navy Submarine Museum at HMS Alliance. Gosport can be reached either by a four-minute ferry service which runs across the harbour from Portsmouth, or by a road which meanders for eight miles or so through various naval establishments and firing ranges which separate Gosport and the neighbouring Lee-on-the-Solent holiday resort from the M27.

An expansion in Gosport Borough Council activities which has taken place since the 1981 Defence Review has brought a considerably more positive attitude to business and tourist development initiatives. New measures include a commitment from the county council to spend £11m over the next five years in improving road access. New town centre projects include a £15m hotel, a leisure complex, a 300-berth marina and a tourist information centre.

Numbers employed directly at the naval dockyard have been halved in the last few years, contributing to an unemployment level which is considerably higher than the national average. However, it is estimated that defence establishments and defence related industries around the city still provide employment for almost 30,000 people. While this is less than half the 100,000 working population who live within the city area, and considerably less than the 200,000 working population who commute regularly from surrounding areas, the Navy still provides a lot of employment.

Portsmouth was extensively bombed during the war, and during the reconstruction several new industrial estates were created. Largest of these was the old airport site now renamed "Anchorage Park" where an additional 10-acre site has recently been made available for development.

This had attracted companies such as Marconi Space and Defence which employs 5,000 staff, Thorn-EMI and Vosper-Thorneycroft.

A breakthrough was made in the early 1970s with the reclamation from the sea of 450 acres of land in the north west corner. That provided the site for IBM to construct a massive but carefully landscaped building which forms its British headquarters and is one of the largest office complexes in the south of England.

Land reclaimed from the sea also enabled the extension of the M27 into the city centre and formed a site for the construction of a new Continental ferry port which opened in 1976. From here ferries to France and the Channel Islands convey more than 200,000 vehicles and one million passengers a year to France and the Channel Islands. Dock-related industry serving the ferry and commercial ports is growing rapidly.

Section of the 272ft Overlord tapestry which commemorates the Allied landings at Normandy. It is the focal point of the new D-Day museum at Southsea

A port with fighting spirit

Southampton, the largest city in the Hampshire area, was internationally known as England's main passenger port before the age of air transport. Yet its sheltered waters and "double tide", which allows access to ships virtually around the clock, are still valued by the world's largest vessels. Cargoes are carried to and from destinations in North America, the Middle and Far East as well as to the European continent. The QE2 maintains a regular programme of world cruises while the Canberra plies to and from Australia.

Southampton also serves the rest of Hampshire as a center for higher education with a university which has a national reputation for its courses in electronics, engineering and other applied sciences. Unlike the port the university has expanded in postwar years from an undergraduate total of about 1.000 students in 1952 to a

The whole of the Southampton area one vast camp

current population of 5,000 undergraduates and 1,000 postgraduates. Both the port and the university are involved with new developmetns which were entirely unforseen during the hectic days of 1944 when the city was saturated with the D-Day invasion forces.

The city which at that time depended almost exclusively on shipping and aircraft manufacturing played a vital role in the preparations for Operation Overlord. The city's main artery, The Avernue, was transformed by camouflage netting into a leafy tunnel along which the bulk of the invasion forces were moved towards the coast.

As D-Day approached, all the roads into the town and every lane and by-road were crowded with guns, tanks, Jeeps and of other vehicles. When Vera Brittain visited her holiday cottage in the New Forest in March 1944 she noted: "At every turn of every glade we found wagons and ammunition dumps, vainly sought by Nazi observers".

Before April 1944 ended, the whole of the Southampton area had become one vast camp, ammunition dump and airfield. The common in the centre of the city was turned into a sea of canvas. Warehouses, schools and even some of the banks were requisitioned as sleeping quarters for the troops which poured into the city. Pressure on accommodation was made all the more severe by extensive blitz damage.

Between June 19, 1940 and July 15, 1944 Southampton was raided 57 times, 936 properties were totally destroyed and 2653 so badly damaged that they had to be demolished. Most of the centre of the city was flattened by bombs in 1940. The Vickers-Supermarine Aviation Works at Woolston which had produced the prototype of the Spitfire in 1936 was also destroyed.

Rehousing was the first priority of the postwar reconstruction programme; about a third of the prewar population of 181,000 had left either through recruitment for the forces or through evacuation.

Two particular landmarks were the opening in 1966 of the Queen Elizabeth II terminal for passengers and cargo in the eastern docks and the opening in 1951 of a huge Esso petroleum fefinery at Fawley on the other side of Southbhampton Water from the city.

Together with the enlargement and modernisation at about the same time of the Shell-Mex and BP oil distribution centre at Hamble, which also involved the delivery of large tanker shipments of oil, the Fawley refinery made Southampton one of the major tanker ports of the country.

The refinery in turn attracted new and related industries such

An experimental Freeport opens this summer

as the production of synthetic rubber and plastics. It also contributed to the decision to make Marchwood the first electricity power generating station in the country which could be fuelled either by coal or oil. There was in addition, an influx of what were termed "light industries" at this time.

Employment generated by new industries however did not keep pace with the reductions caused by the sharp drop in passenger transport by sea and by new methods of handling cargo. Employment for dockers and ship-repairers had always been irregular. Many of the great liners were available for repairs and refits only during winter and work was consequently seasonal and industrial relations poor.

By the early 1980s it had become brutally apparent that new measures were needed to secure the long term economic base of the city. A spate of new industrial and office sites has been released not just in Southampton but also along motorway link with Portsmouth. The development which will have the most intimate effect on the city are four large-scale projects involving redeveloping pair of the huge docks, quays and terminals which extend for more than four miles along the waterfront.

The most imminent of these is the Freeport which will enable goods to be processed free of customs duties or similar taxes and then reexported. Around 31 acres of land, including 475,000 sq ft of warehousing and factory units, have been allocated to the first stage of Freeport trading which starts operations this summer. If the experiment is successful, a further area of over 700 acres could be made available.

Shining success of the county's Golden Triangle

Once a little market town, Basingstoke has been developed into a popular overspill area for companies moving out of London and international companies seeking a European base.

In the north of Hampshire, in an area known by property developers as the "Golden Triangle" formed by the M3 and M4 motorways, it is already only half an hours' motorway drive to Heathrow. The new M25 orbital motorway, due to be completed in 1985, will bring it even closer to the outskirts of London. Property costs, however, are estimated at about a quarter of those charged in the capital.

Basingstoke was an active industrial centre even before the war. A report written in 1939 comments: "The great Thornycroft engineering works fill the streets with a throng of working people twice a day, and indeed it is a busy town".

Thornycroft – and its throng of working people – still exists, but as a division of the Eaton Corporation of America. Another American company with long established roots in the area is Eli Lilly, the pharmaceutical giant which set up its first manufacturing plant outside the United States in Basingstoke in 1939.

The Eli Lilly building promptly christened "The House on the Hill" when it first appeared, also sported a large neon sign. A war-time edition of the *Basingstoke Gazette* records that the sign had to be taken down and the building camouflaged in case it acted as a landmark for the enemy.

Early in 1940 the Ministry of Aircraft Production requisitioned the basement and half the ground floor of the building for purposes best known to itself, while engineers at Thorneycroft set up a mini-factory to make aircraft instruments. Other companies who have established roots in the area include Kelvin, Bottomley and Baird which later became part of Smiths Industries and Lansing Bagnall, the fork lift truck manufacturer which remains one of the biggest employers.

The Sony Corporation of Japan chose Basingstoke as the Europe, Africa and Middle East headquarters for its Sony Broadcast subsidiary in 1978. The company designs and markets professional broadcasting equipment, researches digital audio and video tape processing and designs and constructs outside broadcasting vehicles from a variety of premises in the locality.

Also based at Basingstoke is the company's tecnical training department, which attracts engineers from all over the world and for which good transport links are essential.

Ample car-parking – Basingstoke is said to contain the biggest car park in Europe – together with access by motorway to an international airport and to all parts of Britain has also attracted the Automobile Association, IBM, Digital and BOCM to establish large office premises there. Companies which have recently moved their headquarters out of London include the Sun Life Assurance of Canada and the Provident Life Association.

The last 18 months have seen a surge of new developments, some of which result from moves by companies already in the area into new premises. Earlier this year Wiggins Teape, for example, created a vacancy at Gateway One, a 157,000 sq ft building carefully landscaped and purpose-built in 1974 when it moved to new premises next door.

Another vacancy was created at Belgrave House when Snamprogetti transferred to new 100,000 sq ft headquarter premises with high technology facilities.

There are also some small companies attracted to Basingstoke for similar reasons as their larger counterparts. Mr Howard Locke-Hooper and his wife Jan chose a town centre office in Basingstoke to set up their Scifax Micro Systems company, mainly because of its "Silicon Valley" associations. The company, which employs about five highly specialized software engineers, is involved in developing a high level computer language and operating system.

About 10 miles across the north Wessex Downs to the south west of Basingstoke, Andover once famous mainly for supplying birch twigs to vinegar brewers, is also being redeveloped. The Test Valley Borough Council said earlier this year that AMF Legg, a division of AMF International, is to build its national headquarters office adjacent to the Andover Sports Centre.

A newcomer to Andover – although by no means new to Hampshire – is Pirelli General, which is to build a new factory and offices on a 10 acre site at the Portway Industrial Estate. The factory, which is scheduled to start operating by spring next year, will produce specialized electrical cables and is expected to employ 120 people in its initial stages.

Winning Winchester

Winchester, the administrative centre of Hampshire is one of those places where time appears to stand still. It was once the capital of Anglo-Saxon England and the magnificent cathedral which lies at the heart of the town was rebuilt by the Normans.

But behind the ancient facades of the buildings, developments are being planned at the forefront of high technology. Winchester College, still one of the great public schools, was opened in 1394 by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, and is partly housed in the original fourteenth-century buildings.

AGI (Aeronautical and General Instruments), a publicly quoted company which designs and produces reconnaissance and telecommunications equipment, has its headquarters at Wickham House, a Queen Anne building overlooking the cathedral.

The largest private sector employer in the town is probably IBM, which has its UK research and development laboratories located in a manor house at Hursley Park about seven miles away from the city centre. Another large employer is Conder International, a steel construction engineering company which has its headquarters at Kings Worthy on the outskirts of the city. A third is the Independent Broadcasting Authority with a base near by at Crawley.

Conder International, along with IBM (UK) and Southampton University, was one of the founder members of the Hampshire Development Association. Prompted both by concern about high unemployment and impact of financial incentives available in other areas, the association aims to coordinate the efforts of the various local authorities, the enterprise agencies and other organizations to promote Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as an entity to prospective employers.

Peter Scruton, the HDA director, explains that the HDA "should act as a product manager for the two counties." He adds: "As a quality product we cannot offer 'money-off deals'. Instead we communicate our product benefits."

Taking off for jobs

Aerospace activities and the Army are the predominant occupations in the Farnborough and Aldershot districts of Hampshire. One of the world's most spectacular events, the international air show takes place every two years at the Royal Aircraft Research Establishment's airfield at Farnborough. The barracks at Aldershot, five miles to the south, and an extensive area of more than 20.000 acres of firing ranges and training grounds has been the effective home of the Army for more than a century.

Though the flying displays each afternoon provide a sensational spectacle which can be seen for miles around, the Farnborough air show, which this year starts on September 2, is really a trade exhibition for the international aerospace industries. The diplomats, government ministers, airline executives and defence chiefs who attend do so in their official capacities.

Aldershot's barracks, churches and training grounds ajoin the airfield at Farnborough. A changing population of around 10,000 Army personnel and their families are housed here. As many civiliams again are employed in the Army's extensive premises which forms the largest military training centre in Great Birtain. One local authority planner remarked: "The Navy can use the sea for training, the Air Force the air, but the Army needs land".

The very large amount of ground occupied for defence training purposes – estimated at around 30 per cent of the total in the area – means that there is little left for private sector industries. An exception is the 330-acre Southwood community estate which lies about 1 1/2 miles east of Farnborough.

The infrastructure has been completed for a mixed residential, shopping and business development. An allocation of 55 acres has been made for a proposed high technology business park. The developer, who started work on the project last winter, says that already two large British companies and two international firms are already actively interested.

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Not burnt out yet

Graham Greene hopes to influence the US presidential election by publishing an indictment of Reagan's Central American policies two months before the November 6 polling day. The book, *Getting to Know the Generals*, is a tribute to Panama's late president, Omar Torrijos, who envisaged a non-Marxist Central America free of, but not a threat to, the United States. As usual, Greene has forbidden his publishers to release proof copies, but a clue to the contents lies in a rare, unpublished interview given to journalist Nigel Lewis. The US approach to Central America is that of a backyard bully, said Greene. "Reagan is trying to flex his muscles in a spot which he considered without danger . . . It is absurd to regard El Salvador as a strategic point for communism". It was Torrijos who got Greene into the US on a Panamanian diplomatic passport in 1978 after he had consistently been refused a normal entry visa because, as an Oxford undergraduate in the 1920s, he had been a Communist Party member for two weeks.

● **President Reagan can expect an earful of abuse when he returns to Washington from his European tour. *Sanity*, the CND magazine, has printed the number of his special "comment line" at the White House. *And it points out that it costs just* 25p for 30 seconds after 6pm.**

Bridling

The miners' strike is being fought on many fronts. Jack Brown, socialist head of recreation, culture and health at South Yorkshire County Council, has chosen footpaths. He has written to the chief constable demanding to know on what authority police obstructed an ancient right of way near Orgreave coking plant during picketing last week. "I don't see any difference between them getting in the way and a farmer putting barbed wire across a path or ploughing it up," he told me. If the reply does not satisfy, he may go to court.

BA bouquet

The music used to accompany British Airways' latest TV ad has apparently had viewers jamming switchboards demanding to know its title. Now EMI is releasing it on a single this week – but not before digging it out of an obscure French archive. It's the flower duet from Delibes' 1883 opera *Lakmé*.

BARRY FANTONI

'I wasn't there myself – it just feels like it'

Rent scent

The village of Hadleigh in Essex has fallen 514 years behind in paying rent for an old building. The rent agreed by the landlord, Sir William Clopton, in 1439 was only a single red rose per annum, but these things add up. Sir William's heir, American businessman Gene Clopton, has worked out that with interest the village owes him 1,303,364 roses. Generously he has decided to settle for just one. Pushing his luck, the mayor of Hadleigh, Christopher Culpin, has invited Clopton to a rent-paying ceremony this month – when he hopes to raise other matters such as landlord liability for repairs and improvements.

Cradle craft

CND is recruiting from the cradle. An internal newsletter passed to the Diary gives details of what demonstrators at Saturday's anti-Reagan rally can expect if arrested. Those aged between 14 and 17, it says, face a maximum fine of £400 and must be released on bail as soon as possible; parents of children aged 10 to 13 can be fined up to £100, and their offspring's fingerprints may not be taken without their permission. *Enfants terribles* under the age of ten may cause all the trouble they want; they cannot be arrested.

Piled away

Air Commodore Philip Pile, one of the six white officers cleared of blowing up Zimbabwe air force jets, only to be rearrested, believes that Robert Mugabe is leading a personal vendetta against him. The Zimbabwe Supreme Court's recent decision to uphold the not-guilty verdict means there are now no grounds for withholding pensions to the long-serving Pile and his fellow officers, Hugh Slatter and Peter Briscoe – worth together about £1,500 a month and a lump sum of £100,000. But yesterday Pile – in Britain and out of a job – was still on his uppers. "As far as we can find out, payment is being blocked by Mugabe himself", he said.

PHS

Long on principle, short on fact

by John Vincent

Teaching is experiencing a crisis of morale. Teachers, say their unions, are no longer respected for their professional status. Accordingly, to win greater public respect, they are walking out on their pupils. They seek a substantial increase on the present offer of 4.5 per cent, not because they want the money, but because they have had enough. It is, they say, a matter of principle: they are fighting to save education.

Looking back to the Houghton pay award of 1974, when they spectacularly leapfrogged other groups of workers, teachers are clear that the cuts have hit education hard. Teaching today, they say, is more than flesh and blood can stand.

Alas for their cherished beliefs, they are wrong. Education has done well in the 10 years since Houghton, at least in the essential matter of the provision of teaching. In inessentials, it has not done so well. But how we would rage if inessentials had thrived at the expense of essentials! Today, public education is better provided for than ever before.

At least, that is what the Department of Education and Science statistics for England say. Some teachers will rightly say that their experience is different: that they have done worse than average.

This is no doubt true, but it means that teachers somewhere else have been doing better than average.

The main changes have been caused by a falling birth rate. While the number of secondary pupils has increased since 1974, primary pupils have fallen in each successive year by over a million in all. Ah, say the teachers, this opportunity should have been used to improve conditions in schools. Well, it has; only most teachers are too petulant to notice.

The key measure of provision is the pupil/teacher ratio. In primary schools, this has improved in every single year, without exception, since 1974. Then it was 24.9; in 1983 it was 22.3. The record of improvement in secondary schools is almost as good. There, despite a fall from 17.5 to 16.5 pupils per teacher over the decade, there were, alas, two years when staffing did not improve but merely stood still. But throughout the whole period in which teachers have bemoaned cuts, there have been no cuts in teaching, only improvements.

Not only that; the total number of teachers paid by local education authorites has risen slightly, from 406,000 to 414,000 over the decade, while the number of pupils has fallen. If these are cuts, let us have more of them.

The improvement in staffing has been a gradual affair. There have been no great leaps forward. In any individual year, the change for the better will have been barely perceptible. But what is so impressive is the steady and sustained character of the improvements, irrespective of which party holds office, irrespective of economic circumstances. There may be some small element of optical illusion in the figures: a drop in the numbers of five-year-olds may show up more promptly than drops in the numbers of teachers, who retire by stages. Over a decade, this seems unlikely to matter.

Ah, teachers will say, this shows how little you know of the realities. What matters is class size. Quite so; how has the size of classes fared over the last decade? The answer is that we have seen unrelieved progress.

In 1977, under the People's Friends, 33.7 per cent of primary classes had 31 or more pupils: shocking you will agree. In 1983, under the New Callousness the proportion had fallen to 19.3 per cent: quite a reform. In Secondary schools, the proportion of classes with 31 or more pupils halved over the decade and is now down to only 7.5 per cent.

There are other welcome signs of progress. Numbers staying on after school-leaving age have grown enormously, from 242,000 in 1974 to 345,000 in 1983. Changed attitudes led, in 1982, to more girls than boys studying for A-levels for the first time.

Public education is better off than it has ever been. Not greatly better off, perhaps, for the vast system that teaches over seven million children can only move gradually; but still very usefully better off. In essentials, the "cuts" never happened.

Saying this may engender a flood of furious letters about pencils, rubbers, swimming lessons, music lessons, morale, and the intractable technical problems caused by a falling birth-rate; and why not? All these things are worth moaning about, provided they do not give the impression that teachers only moan. But, while the teachers go about their professional duty of disrupting education, let us at least place their claims to be acting on grounds of "principle" in their proper context of a decade of moderate educational improvement.

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Hazhir Teimourian explains the delay in Iran's 'final offensive'

Prudence v passion: Khomeini's personal conflict

Since February, the Middle East has awakened every morning in the expectation of news that Iran had launched its much-heralded "final offensive" against Iraq.

According to reports from the region itself, and from the major centres of power whose electronic eyes in space have watched the area closely, Iran has been amassing around half-a-million troops along the southern sector of its front with Iraq, to the north-east of the Iraqi port of Basra, hoping to pounce on to the road to Baghdad and cause a sudden collapse in morale of Iraq's armed forces that would pave the way for the installation of a modern-day Iranian satrapy in Mesopotamia.

But despite the normal march of the weather towards its peak of intolerability, little ground fighting has recently taken place between the two countries apart from the skirmishes in March on the Majnoon oilfields. Nevertheless, the ayatollahs in Tehran have continued to whip up enthusiasm among their followers for the battle that would end the long war. The state radio and television have daily called for gifts of refrigerators to keep the the troops cool, and the Arab governments on the southern shores of the Gulf have continued to pour billions of dollars into the bottomless coffers of Iraq in an attempt to keep Khomeini's revolution as far from their borders as possible.

The apparent nearness of disaster for the Arabs spurred the superpowers into modifying their earlier, strict neutrality. The Russians, who last year saw Iran's pro-Moscow Tudeh (communist) Party crushed despite the unreserved support of its leaders for Ayatollah Khomeini, resumed the large-scale supplying of heavy weapons to Baghdad, and there have been persistent reports from Saudi Arabia that the United States was passing information, gathered by their satellites and early-warning AWACS aircraft, regarding the deployment of Iran's forces, to the government of President Saddam Husain. The Americans announced, through the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Donald Rumsfeldt, during a visit to Baghdad, that the collapse of Iraq would not be in the best interests of the US.

Iranian recruits board a helicopter for the front line. Below, an Iraqi gunner awaits the long-heralded attack.

Why did Iran allow the most suitable weather for a land offensive to pass by? "Whatever the reason, it was certainly not a shortage of weapons", says Mr Hamilton Spence, managing director of Interarms, one of the world's largest private arms merchants, in Manchester. "The Iranians are buying everthing they need, and they don't even have to pay more than the normal price for it".

Mr Spence, a Scottish Presbyterian, is dismissive of recent rumours that the Americans were intimidating private arms dealers to stop supply of weapons to Iran.

"We don't sell arms to Iran because it is against British law, but if someone could manage a secret deal, how would the Americans know?" he asks. In American eyes, the chief culprits are North and South Korea, Spain and Italy. There are also reports, denied by Israeli leaders, that the government of Mr Yitzhak Shamir has been replacing its British-made Centurion and Chieftain tanks at breakneck speed with its own Merkova and shipping the redundant tanks to Iran through intermediaries.

The explanation for the delay in launching an invasion may lie in unconfirmed reports from Tehran that Ayatollah Khomeini was undecided whether to continue the war or to sue for large reparations while Iraq was trembling in a weak position. According to reliable sources in Tehran, the ayatollah held a secret meeting in May with one of his former, now disgraced, advisors, Mr Ebrahim Yazdi, and questioned his suggestion that the war be settled at the International Court at The Hague. In this context, Iran's recent attacks on oil tankers dealing with Iraq's Arab supporters are seen as mere retaliation for Iraq's extension of the war to the lower reaches of the Gulf through attacks on tankers calling at Iranian oil terminals.

There are indications that some of the men around the ayatollah have recently become bold enough openly to draw attention to the enormous economic and social problems of their country of over 40 million people. Despite the famous utterance of Ayatollah Khomeini that "economics is a subject fit for animals only", Prime Minister Mir Musssavi recently enumerated some of those problems as: "the need to distribute land to peasants, an extreme shortage of housing all over the country, the need to streamline (ie, nationalize) foreign trade, and the need to stem the growth of the money supply, which has been more than 250 per cent since the revolution" (of February, 1979). Other problems are high inflation, a collapsing industry, very high (undisclosed) unemployment, and the presence of more than three million refugees from the Gulf and Afghan wars.

Disaster – but the bold will never shirk the challenge of sail

When ships sink, solemn inquiries meet and deliberate for months, or even years, to establish what went wrong and whether it could have been prevented. When a training ship full of young people is lost in conditions which do not seem to have been exceptionally severe, the inquiry has to be especially searching; and so no doubt it will be in the case of the barque Marques.

In the meantime public opinion, which is apt to base itself very healthily on the presupposition whenever anything goes wrong that somebody must be to blame, may tend to conclude that the lesson of the case is that the open ocean is too dangerous a place for half-trained young people, in ships of archaic appearance only a fraction of the size of most ocean-going vessels. What business does anyone have to send them aloft to struggle with acres of thundering canvas, risking their necks in the kind of ships that drowned Nelson's navy by thousands? What could be more irresponsible or perverse?

This may not be the reaction of those who are actually candidates for adventure training. When the Danish training ship Kobenhavn was lost with all hands in the 1920s, it is said that applications for similar courses rose sharply in the years immediately afterwards.

But in some countries, and particularly in Britain – where official scepticism about the character-building virtues of damp, cold and a solid grounding in fancy ropework has always been profound – most schoolships are run on a charitable basis, and a widespread public impression that the whole undertaking is an ill-founded and dangerous one could have a damaging effect on support. If it is found that the loss of the Marques was caused by some combination of circumstances that could not reasonably have been avoided – and that is sometimes the case even with the largest of ships at sea – then the harm done may be even greater than if some obvious preventable failure came to light.

Sailing ship disasters tend to stick in the memory and come crowding back when a new tragedy occurs. There was the Pamir, which sank in a hurricane in 1957 with the loss of 80 lives, and before the war the Kobenhavn, the Admiral Karpfanger and the Niobe. But all of these (except the last, which was lost in a sudden squall through a design fault which has been eliminated in modern ships) were cargo-carrying vessels, trading all over the world in all weathers and seasons, and lost in iceberg latitudes, or through commercial hazards like the shifting of a badly-loaded cargo.

Modern training ships have until now had an almost immaculate safety record. The Sail Training Association's races, in which Marques had only just won the previous stage, had been held regularly since 1956 without the loss of a single life through any deficiency in the ships. Superficially the vessels involved may resemble Nelson's navy, but most of them today are purpose-built vessels loaded with safeguards that Nelson never dreamed of. Regulations are strict, and inspections by governments and by the STA are frequent.

Because ships spend most of their lives offshore out of sight and out of mind, only assembling occasionally for races or parades in company, it is easy to underestimate how extensive an activity sail training is. The Tall Ships races attract entrants from a dozen or more countries, with as many as 4,000 people aboard the ships competing in a single race. In Britain alone, the cadet ships Royalist, Sir Winston Churchill and Malcolm Miller, and the smaller vessels of the Ocean Youth Club, take about 4,000 young people to sea each year.

The subject is one where the "eggs-in-baskets" fallacy operates especially strongly. When an airliner crashes, we are rightly appalled at the sudden extinction of 100 or 200 lives, but the consistent statistic of about 20 deaths a day on British roads year in and year out impinges far less on the imagination. A shipwreck is as dreadful a thing to contemplate as an aviation disaster. But some 800 lives are lost through drowning every year in Britain, and last year the mountains in the Lake District alone took 21 lives. In terms of such comparisons, training ship casualties are low. Curiously enough, even the superficially hair-raising activity of swinging around high in the rigging scarcely ever leads to casualties, and those that do occur are more likely to be among the experienced and over-confident than among those who climb into unfamiliar territory half-paralysed with terror.

Life is sweet, and in logic it is a perverse thing that people so often seem to take pleasure in putting it to risk. But the impulse to do so is clearly deep and widespread. Mountaineers say that the rewards of developing skill and judgment can be earned only by testing them to the point where life depends on it. A society which gives too few outlets to such impulses might find more young people looking for alternative excitements of a more destructive kind.

The German barque Pamir, sunk by a hurricane in mid-Atlantic in 1957 with the loss of 80 lives – most of them cadets

For each member of the crew of a ship, the safety of the vessel and everyone else in it may depend in theory on one's own competence. In practice, the howling wind and the drenching water create an impression of drama which, it must be confessed, is far less dangerous than it looks. A well-founded training ship is about the safest means in existence of enabling people to look into the abyss of cosmic dread and discover that they can go on working through it. But it is not wholly safe, and in the nature of things it could not be.

A former skipper of the Marques and of the Royalist, Commander F. Morin-Scott, said yesterday that the disaster "demontrates again that the sea is a dangerous place, and it always behoves one to be careful. And if it wasn't for that danger in the background, sail training would not be worthwhile at all".

George Hill

Robin Cook

Dinner for six, but look at the cost

"This Bill imposes a duty upon authorities to provide meals and milk. This appeals to me most, because you can actually see the worth of the investment in the children. They show the value of this policy not only in their growth, but in their cheeks." – Rab Butler, introducing the 1944 Education Act.

Michael McGair lives with his six children in an old mining village on the edge of the moors. One in three of the local men are out of work.

Mr McGair joined them two years ago when BL privatized its tractor models and the production line was transferred to a growth area 300 miles away. In the same autumn that he received his redundancy notice, his wife died, leaving him their six children in token of their fidelity to the church. In middle age, Mr McGair found himself obliged to master new skills, such as how to sew a trouser-seam or iron a pleated skirt.

In one respect only, he had a lucky break. On the date of his redundancy he was receiving sickness benefit. As the medical authorities continued to certify him unfit for work he qualified after six months for invalidity benefit, which provided him with an income £12 a week higher than he would have enjoyed on supplementary benefit.

Money remained tight but, by assiduous budgeting, he managed to avoid slipping into the pitfalls of arrears. Electricity was a real problem (a family of seven with few changes of clothes require the use of the washing machine daily), but by buying a fiver's worth of savings stamps at the post office whenever he drew his benefit, he always managed to clear the account. He traded in the colour television for a black and white model, which cut the licence payments to 29p a week. Indulgence on evenings out was limited to a couple of half-pints every Friday.

A valued ally in the struggle to keep the family out of debt was their eligibility for free school meals. Not only did this relieve Mr McGair of a substantial outlay, but it also guaranteed a daily cooked meal to six children without a mother. Mr McGair had every reason to suppose that this happy arrangement would continue for the decade that his younger children would remain at school.

Last year, Lothian Region was instructed by the Government to reduce its budget by £15m. The balance of power on the council is held by the Alliance, who have used it to install a Tory administration that found the directive to cut expenditure only too congenial.

The Tories imposed cuts of the required amount at a single council meeting, at which they secured a majority through the absence of the Alliance concillors, who stayed away to spare themselves painful choices. Among the measures adopted was a restriction on eligibility for free school meals to the minimum laid down by law, thus confining it to those in receipt of supplementary benefit or family income supplement.

Mr McGair, as I wrote, does not receive supplementary benefit, but invalidity benefit; therefore since January of this year he has ceased to qualify for free school meals. The impact on the family budget was immediate and devastating. The charge for five meals a week for the six children is £15.15, equivalent to a cut in the household budget of 12 per cent. Creating such a large amount of slack in a budget already drawn tight as a drum has compelled a further sharp reduction in the extent to which Mr McGair and his children can take part in the normal life of the community or share in those things that the rest of us accept as part of everyday living. He expresses particular regret that he cannot now afford oranges and apples for the children.

Ironically he would be better off had he never been awarded invalidity benefit, as he pays £3 a week more for school meals than he gains from the higher rate of benefit. Put another way, his income net of school meal charges leaves him with less than his entitlement under the supplementary benefit scale rates. He is living below the line set by even this government as subsistence level.

I wrote to the chairman of the education committee in March drawing attention to Mr McGair's case. He has not replied, but it would be unfair to lay the whole of the blame on the local Tory councillors – or even share it out between them and the Alliance councillors who washed their hands of the decision. The national minimum test of eligibility which they are applying is one devised by this government, and the immediate financial pressure which impelled them to adopt it was of this government's making. Mr McGair is only one of a legion left exposed by the shrinking of the welfare state as local authorities find themselves caught between a reduction in resources from government stringency and an expansion in demand from the casualties of recession.

Lest anyone seeks refuge in convenient stereotypes let it be recorded that Mr McGair is not workshy. He worked until his job disappeared, and since then he has been regularly examined and repeatedly pronounced unfit for work. Even if his old job was still there and he was fit, his fulltime job as a single parent of six children would prevent him taking it.

In a previous age, such early bereavement would have obtained for Mr McGair and his children society's sympathy and support. The way they have been treated in our time is an affront to decency. Yet this government still has the nerve to prate about its commitment to the family.

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Digby Anderson

When guilt is just a Nacronism

Buffy has rejected Nacro's recent report on shoplifting. Buffy is my cat and Nacro is the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. The report exemplifies the New Approach to Crime, and Buffy will have none of it.

Yesterday, as the shops were about to shut, I remembered I had to buy him some food and rushed out of the house. "Rush" is not the right word. You cannot rush out of our house since the crime prevention officer came. He is a helpful policeman who encourages householders to spend one or two hundred pounds on locks to keep impulsive burglars away. The locks have keys which I have to *find*. If I can find them, I lock the back door and all the windows on the inside, hide the keys, recite their secret location ten times, shut the front door, find the two keys for that and lock it twice. I can now proceed to the car, unless I have forgotten the car keys, in which case I repeat the operation in reverse and, then again, forward.

The car has also been subjected to the New Approach to Crime. One key for the door, one for the alarm, another for the aerial and so on. Then there is a wrestling match with a bright red plastic thing that clamps the steering wheel to something I cannot see. At that point I remember *Songs of Praise*. Just before, after or instead of this popular Sunday programme has been another in which two ladies and a gentleman simulate rape and mugging in order to suggest ways in which victims can protect themselves. It is crucial to wear the right clothes; ones which are tight or loose and which come off (or not) when you are grabbed (I forget which). One thing I do recall; my seven credit cards, 43 banknotes, six documents and 19 keys should be strategically and systematically distributed about my person making full use of all but two of my seven pockets.

Should I ask my neighbour to chaperon me? *The Standard*, last week, published a crime code to beat thieves who steal from shoppers in shops. Rule four urges, "Shop in pairs . . . so that one of you can watch the bags". I decide not: there is only going to be some catfood, milk and butter in the shopping bag after all. When I arrive at the shops, there is another brief bout with the red plastic thing in the car and an interlude attempting to extract the key from the steering lock. Now I am in the shop and the mission is as good as accomplished – but not if Nacro has its way.

Nacro has issued a statistical report on shoplifting, and a comment. The report is informative and helpful. The main objectives of the comment are first to lessen then to redistribute the blame and "moral obligation" for shoplifting. Given the association's worthy efforts on behalf of offenders, it is, perhaps, not surprising that its comment makes no mention of the serious difficulties shoplifters cause to small shopkeepers and the increased costs passed on to consumers, including poor consumers.

Instead it describes much shoplifting as "trivial" and excessively punished. Its report shows fewer than 6 per cent of shoplifters imprisoned and 75 per cent of fines as less than £50: opinions will differ whether these are indeed Tartarean in their cruelty. Again, though the report makes no mention of shoplifters' motivations, the comment asserts that *convicted* shoplifters include, as well as those stealing for gain, youngsters' (note the endearing term) thieving for "a dare" and "forgetful and muddled shoppers". The implication, again unsubstantiated, is that there are significant numbers of daring youngsters and muddled shoppers subjected to "devastating" punishment. Having exculpated the thieves, it remains to reveal the villain.

Seasoned observers will be expecting, at this point, the erection of the now traditional but always distracting urban-crisis-and-unemployment sideshow. Instead, we are treated, centre ring, to a perfectly executed moral somersault: the shopkeepers are to blame. They do not take enough precautions against theft and they tempt their customers with "attractive" and "accessible" goods.

What the comment, *The Standard* code, *Songs of Praise* and the crime prevention officer have in common is their enthusiastic endorsement of the New Approach to Crime. Blame and exhort not the shoplifter, thief, mugger or burglar but their victims until their pockets are emptied by expensive precautions and shredded by 19 keys. And all the while Buffy starves.

Had Nacro got at the catfood shop before I got to it, I would have had to queue to use the compulsory bag park; I would not have found the food because it would have been too "attractive" or "accessible" and hidden. After watching myself not finding it on several closed-circuit television screens, I arrive home to find the cat had relied on the old approach to crime and stolen the chicken I left on the table when I "rushed" out.

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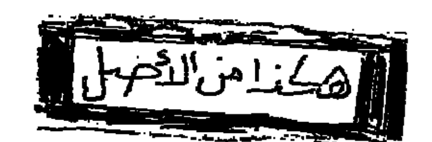

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DEAR FRIENDS

"My dear friend, this is much the greatest thing we have ever attempted." Churchill to Roosevelt: on D-Day plans, October 1943.

The D-Day landing in Normandy on June 6 1944 represents the zenith of achievement for the Anglo-American wartime partnership. It capped nearly three years of collaboration and discussion in which the Americans had persistently demonstrated their commitment and desire to confront the German army on the continent while the British, right up to the day, remained deeply cautious and unconvinced.

Of course by 1944 the Normandy campaign, though central to the war's eventual outcome, was only the high point of Anglo-American cooperation which operated across the whole strategic field, and profited from many other national contingents from the Commonwealth and occupied Europe. Had history ever before witnessed such an alliance? British and American armies had fought together in North Africa. They were advancing north through Italy. They were making separate but coordinated thrusts on Japan through Burma and wide-ranging naval operations in the Pacific. Their navies shared the north Atlantic burden. Each night from eastern England their air forces flew out on bombing raids into the heart of Nazi Germany; and deep in the continental fastness of the United States British and American scientists pooled their genius in the Manhattan Project.

It was thus a truly global alliance. But never did any of its other enterprises come close to the completeness, and the feeling of some kind of psychological parity, so dramatically demonstrated by the D-Day landings and the Normandy campaign. Partly it must have been the greatness of Eisenhower who, perhaps alone of any allied soldier, had the generosity of spirit and strategic vision to weld the allied force under him into a single fighting instrument. He kept the American commitment sustained in spite of the fact that his three immediate subordinates were all British officers.

For both nations, however, the meaning of the landing was clear. After years of indirect strategy, it marked the decisive change from minor to major. It was the start of the last phase. Such massive and direct confrontation with the Nazi machine could only end in Nazism's final and total eclipse from the heart of Europe.

Today's celebration recognizes D-Day as the pre-eminent festival of allied achievement. It encapsulates a historical partnership of quite singular intensity. The essence of that moment obviously sustained the Anglo-American alliance throughout a long post-war period. We had shared so much. It was not just in the joint command, but with every American serviceman whose wartime experience took him deep into rural England, or who shared with British servicemen on the European mainland a common identity either as liberator or conqueror – characteristics which were not given to other Europeans.

There was a generalized American commitment to Europe, first with the recovery plan, then with NATO, the huge protective garrison, and the cultivation of a democratic West Germany worthy of allied embrace. But there were always also special communications between London and Washington. The wartime experience conditioned politicians, servicemen and bureaucrats to a natural affinity. It was procedural, rather than principled, but the global nature of both nations' preoccupation, even allowing for passing disagreements over de-colonization or Suez, meant that Washington and London more often spoke the same strategic language than any other combination of Western allies.

Moreover, apart from procedures, there was, and is, a special compartment of exclusivity in the nuclear business. The 1958 Nuclear Materials Agreement does not apply to any other country, nor is Congress likely ever to sanction that privilege being extended further. Polaris and Trident are the practical expressions of a unique strategic relationship. It goes further than that, however, as a result of a tradition of partnership over the years. During the Falklands campaign, for instance, the Pentagon at the working level provided abundant military assistance without that ever having to become the subject of formal negotiations between governments.

So are we today just celebrating the 40th anniversary of a great military alliance? Do its vestiges just linger on here and there as historical anomalies? Is the contemporary reality that Britain will take its place at the summit tomorrow no more and no less in affinity with the United States than the other European summiteers or for that matter Japan? Surely not.

It would be wrong to allow the particular circumstances of D-Day or the diversification of Anglo-American political energies since then to foster the impression that nothing much now is left of that central inspiration which binds the English - speaking peoples together. It is a cultural and historical bond which must still, at the intuitive level, mean more and strike deeper into the national imagination than anything formulated in the chancelleries of Europe.

The American President is in our midst this week. But the American presence is in our midst every week, on stage or screen; in literature; in the emphasis newspapers accord to American events rather than to European ones; in the cross-pollination of students at our and their universities; in the huge tourist traffic across the North Atlantic; in the fact that Britain, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada are the only five countries in the world who can look back on the last fifty years of their history without having to mark invasion, dictatorship or some other aberrant departure from the standards of liberal democracy which alone have been sustained by these five communities of the English-speaking world.

Could anybody claim that such a tangle of interconnexions link British people half so closely with any of Britain's other allies? The taproots of trans-Atlantic affinity plunge deeper into the subsoil of Britain and the United States than any comparable measurement across the Channel.

This very closeness has its drawbacks, of course. First it magnifies the effect of natural disagreements. Whereas in war Britain and the United States subordinated most of their policies to the common strategic determination to defeat the Axis powers, in peace – even a cold peace such as the Soviet attitude to the outside world makes of this one – there are many different priorities. Britain's membership of the European Community and Washington's preoccupations with Latin-America and the Pacific show divergent priorities. There is thus a common bureaucratic tendency in the Foreign Office and the Department of State to iron out any speciality in the bilateral relationship in case it causes unnecessary tensions with other allies. The official machines like to keep relations between states official. They resent the kind of intimacy and spontaneity of communications between leaders such as that achieved by Roosevelt and Churchill. They resent most other extra-curricular contacts, for that matter.

Yet that kind of informality is much more essential to a special alliance than any number of formal arrangements. Portugal may be Britain's oldest ally, but nobody would expect such an alliance to reflect the deep pool of understanding of each other's ways that exists between Britain and her old Commonwealth partners or between Britain and the United States.

These understandings need no treaties. They do not colour communiqués. They exist in the spirit, not the letter, of international relations. That is why they tend to be questioned by analytical minds and measured against the artificial criteria of a world community which happens to accord more importance to the letter of things than to the spirit.

Notwithstanding our disagreements therefore, and the divergence of our ways; notwithstanding that today's ceremony in Normandy has other actors on the stage; notwithstanding that though Canada will be there, Australia and New Zealand, in accordance with the fighting contribution they were making elsewhere, will not; notwithstanding all these things, today we will not just be celebrating the high point of the greatest military partnership the world had ever seen. We will be celebrating the fact of being again with our friends, and of being still confident, each of the other, that the test of true friendship is to be there on the night.

Parental control

From Dr B. W. Martin

Sir, In the current debate on parent control of schools' governing bodies, may I draw attention to the recommendation made in the consultative document issued last summer by the standing conference, Education 2000:

Schools will be accountable through their representative governing bodies (RGBs) to the local community and the LEA (local education authority). Membership of RGBs will be constituted by representatives of parents, teachers, students, local employers, and members of organizations which make use of the school's facilities, all in a higher proportion to nominees of the LEA.

The delegates phrased the recommendation in this way so that no particular interest would occupy a dominant position over the rest and so that any decision would need broad general agreement. Neither parents, nor the political nominees of the local council, could, under this constitution, hold biased sway.

Such a solution of the present problem would achieve the most balanced reform of governing bodies.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN MARTIN,
Magdalen College School,
Oxford.
May 29.

Threat to Japanese PM

From Professor J. A. A. Stockwin

Sir, May I comment on a passage in the article by Sarah Hogg on the Japanese Prime Minister in your issue of May 25. She writes that Mr Nakasone, who faces reappointment by his party before the end of the year, "does not seem to be seriously under threat from heirs-apparent or elder statesmen of the faction-ridden Liberal Democratic Party".

In fact, Mr Nakasone himself clearly realizes that he is under considerable threat and is curtailing his overseas travel in order to prepare the ground domestically for his candidacy in the November party presidential elections. His party is a most unpredictable political entity, as is seen from the fact that it has had six presidents (and thus Japan has had six prime ministers) since 1972, none of whom have lasted for much over two years.

The Prime Minister's power is based on a precarious balance of ever fickle, factional advantage and Mr Nakasone did not please the factions by presiding over a poor result for his party at last December's general elections.

It would indeed be unwise to assume, in the euphoria generated by the London summit, that Mr Nakasone will be leading his country past the end of the year. On the other hand, if he were able to bring off re-election he would be in an unprecedentedly strong position to exert his authority, having broken the "two-year barrier" on the prime ministership.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. A. STOCKWIN, Director,
Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies,
University of Oxford,
1 Church Walk,
Oxford.

Air on Everest

From Mr Edward Smyth

Sir, Mr Holdsworth (May 28) claims that two climbers who disappeared on Everest "bequeathed a legacy of personal achievement" which is not only a challenge to other climbers but an inspiration to the wider world, at large.

It must be asked whether the sacrifice of a human life in pursuit of a mountain peak, or the ideal which it symbolises, should ever be regarded as an achievement in any sense at all.

At best such loss of life is a calamity due to one of the calculated risks inseparable from the nature of the climb; at worst it is due to mismanagement or incompetence, or to disregarding one of the basic factors known from much accumulated experience to be necessary for safety at high altitudes. In any event it is a failure, and an irrevocable one.

Like Dr Warren (May 19), himself an experienced Everest climber of former days, many – let us hope most – mountaineers will still prefer to uphold a saner philosophy of Alpinism. Such a philosophy (whether traditional or otherwise is beside the point) was well expressed by the late Frank Smythe, who wrote after returning from near the summit of Everest:

The measure of the worth of mountaineering lies not only in accomplishment but in the margin of safety over and above that accomplishment.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD SMYTH,
Green Lanes,
Churt,
Farnham,
Surrey.
May 28.

Pursued by a bear

From Mr Clarence Fry

Sir, I can quote a much more recent example than Mrs G. L. Nunns's (May 25) of an Englishman's narrow escape from a polar bear.

My paternal uncle, the Reverend W. H. Fry, a missionary in the Diocese of the Arctic during the first decade of this century, once pulled the trigger of his rifle when a bear was (in the words related to me, which burned themselves into my boyhood mind) "almost upon him".

He had the bear's skin sent to his sister in England, where it lay for many years upon her drawing-room carpet, with a neat bullet hole exactly in the middle of the forehead, testifying either to my uncle's marksmanship or (more probably) to the closeness of the encounter.

Yours faithfully,
CLARENCE FRY,
119 Ottawa Road,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.
May 25.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Healing the scars of warfare

From the Reverend Canon P. A. Berry

Sir, May I continue to question the wisdom of the arrangements made for the fortieth commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy?

To exclude the West German President seems a divisive act at a time when all our efforts should be concentrated on preserving the essential unity of the European community. Such wartime memorials and commemorations only have validity if they speak to the present and contain in them opportunities of reconciliation and a determination to heal the wounds of history and strengthen future cooperation.

I write from within a Ministry of Reconciliation in Coventry, both at its cathedral and in the city, where for over 30 years considerable efforts have been made to promote and continue a wide range of contacts with German cities in the West and in the East.

Fortieth anniversaries are with us during this year and next. Kiel this month and Darmstadt in September are using these occasions to strengthen their friendship with English cities. In February, 1985, the City of Dresden in the DDR, devasted almost beyond recognition, will be generously inviting many citizens of Coventry to share a programme of commitment to peace and reconciliation.

Why should the remembering of June 6 be so glaringly different?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BERRY
(Vice-Provost of Coventry),
Coventry Cathedral,
7 Priory Row,
Coventry,
West Midlands.
June 1.

From Lord Lansdowne

Sir, I would like to support the point made by Mr M. Liebert (June 4). Perhaps an invitation was sent to the Kremlin inviting a Russian deputation to attend the D-Day ceremonies. If it was refused, it is a pity. If it was not sent, more is the pity.

A friend of mine was asked by a fellow Briton why President Reagan was participating in the ceremonies. Memories are short, but surely we cannot all have forgotten Omaha and Stalingrad.

Yours faithfully,
LANSDOWNE,
Meikleour,
Perth.
June 4.

Decisions on ethics and embryos

From Dr R. G. Edwards, FRS and Mr P. C. Steptoe

Sir, Professor Kennedy (feature, May 26) makes three points, renewing the absolutist arguments in a slightly amended form.

First, he has a moral repugnance to research on early human embryos. Our ethical reservations about such work are different and involve making some difficult decisions. We believe we must do as much as possible to help the infertile, avert the birth of maimed new-borns condemned from the moment of their conception, and introduce new medical approaches now emerging through *in-vitro* fertilization.

We cannot accept that attempts must be made to fertilize only one egg in each patient, so limiting the success of the treatment to 16 per cent.

Professor Kennedy sees no ambiguity in the resulting consequence of a needless and repeated succession of drugs and operations on patients to satisfy his ethical stance. What would happen if the single embryo was known to be abnormal after fertilization *invitro*? Could any medical practitioner deliberately replace such an embryo in its mother, or any scientist fail to make every effort to find the cause of the abnormality by studying it?

Secondly, he claims "that asserting an embryo as potential to become human does not necessarily assert it has the necessary and sufficient conditions to express its potential".

We found this point very difficult to follow; it apparently implies that all embryos with potential should have the right conditions to develop. We sincerely hope we are wrong in this interpretation, which must apply to all embryos growing *invitro* or *in vivo*.

By this argument, embryos developing as hydatidiform moles (and Professor Kennedy clearly fails to understand the genesis of this disorder) must be given conditions for growth even if they destroy the mother, and so too must those with chromosomal anomalies, recessive and dominant mutants and other defects. No IUDs (intra-uterine devices), no post-coital contraception, no genetic screening to disclose abnormalities in foetuses.

Lastly, he claims that society has traditionally given moral concern to spermatozoa and ova. Some societies have done, others have not, including our own. Both gametes – and early embryos come to that – are given scant respect by any society which uses contraception, to say nothing of abortion.

How sad it is to read Professor Kennedy's comments that science and research are allied to moral repugnance, unacceptable experimentation, and doubts about the moral attitudes of scientists. We believe that the stages soon after fertilization are undifferentiated and that full moral protection must be conferred later, before neural tissue and sense organs enter their advanced stages.

The law has already entered this complex area of human affairs with the chequered history of acts on abortion and congenital disabilities. Far better that regulation acts as a guide, not an inflexible law, involving cooperation with all professions concerned in settling issues raised by the advance of science and medicine.

If we are not mistaken, a not too dissimilar attitude was recently taken by lawyers in deciding on some legal aspects of post-coital contraception. Long may such cooperation continue.

We remain, yours faithfully,
R. G. EDWARDS,
P. C. STEPTOE,
Bourn Hall Clinic,
Bourn,
Cambridgeshire.
June 4.

From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Castle Point (Conservative) and Lord Robertson of Oakridge

Sir, As science enters hitherto unimaginable realms with the development of procedures involving *in-vitro* fertilisation, we, as parliamentarians, are seriously concerned that the public, so aptly described by your leader (May 24) as "unprepared and largely inchoate", is by now thoroughly bemused by the myriad arguments surrounding this vital issue.

We do not consider that the report *Human Procreation*, produced by a working party of the Council for Science and Society, is going to dispel this confusion.

Basic to its thinking is the concept that we can "manufacture" human beings. This is justified by its emphatic statement that human life does not begin at conception.

The report, described as a forerunner to the Warnock committee's findings, puts forward a perilously shallow philosophy which boils down to telling us that the moment when our lives "officially" begin is purely arbitrary. Surely people can see the dangers of according human rights only to those who have achieved a given age (be it foetal or otherwise) and of declaring (as does *Human Procreation*) that professional bodies of scientists and doctors should be the most appropriate controllers of such developments, especially since they cannot agree when life does begin?

Is there not a danger that human procreation is being reduced to battery farming and, just as battery animals are considered "fair play" for some scientists wanting to assuage their curiosity over how far one can push the bounds of science, so one can see precisely the same attitude developing with regard to women and human embryos?

If *Human Procreation* is indeed a forerunner to the Warnock report, then the nation should be forewarned, otherwise the most destructive ethos will be imposed upon us and by the time people have awakened to the dangers it will be too late.

Yours truly,
BERNARD BRAINE,
House of Commons.
ROBERTSON of OAKRIDGE,
House of Lords.
June 4.

Force of reaction in architecture

From the Secretary of the Royal Fine Art Commission

Sir, Modernists and post-modernists alike must regret the Prince of Wales's remarks about architecture, for he reduces that supreme art either to a process (community architecture) or to cosmetics (circles and arches).

Designing is a complex creative process requiring the conviction and dedication which are the prerogative of the artist. By dismissing modern architecture the Prince dismisses not only the work of many of the world's most dedicated architects (including Charles Correa, on whom he was conferring this year's royal gold medal) but, by implication, the whole of the modern movement in art to which these architects are heir and of which not only Mies van der Rohe but Frank Lloyd Wright, Le Corbusier, Aalto, Picasso and Moore, to name but the greatest, form a part.

It seems ironical, moreover, that the Prince should call for a community architecture when the architecture he condemns springs from the deep social commitment that was part and parcel of the modern movement. One need only recall the social housing programme of the 1920s in Germany, or the housing and schools programme in post-war Britain, to realise that never has so much care been lavished by architects on the community than in the last sixty years, however inadequate some of the results.

By allying himself with the forces of reaction the Prince prompts a comparison with the proscriptions typical of totalitarian regimes. Of course in our free society he claims to echo public opinion, yet there is little evidence that a majority in this country is against modern architecture. Indeed the public's enthusiasm for Richard Rogers's "high-tech" entry in the National Gallery competition suggests the contrary.

Yours faithfully,
SHERBAN CANTACUZINO,
Secretary,
Royal Fine Art Commission,
2 Carlton Gardens, SW1.
June 4.

From Mr Francis Russell

Sir, Whether Wilkins's facade of the National Gallery is "weak", as your editorial (June 1) states, is a matter of opinion. But the banality of the architectural profession's attempts to rise to the challenge presented by the competition for the proposed extension shows that it is wrong to dismiss the suggestion that a scheme more conformable with the context should have been seriously considered.

Mr Ahrends's project remains absurdly inappropriate to the site and one can only hope that it will be rejected by the inspector.

In fairness to the architects, it should be observed that the trustees of the National Gallery have themselves allowed the interior of the building to be grossly mishandled. Does a museum that has made its central gallery into a shop really deserve an extension at all?

Yours etc,
FRANCIS RUSSELL,
The Grange,
East Hanney,
Wantage,
Oxfordshire.
June 1.

Conflicting creeds

From the Chaplain of Exeter College, Oxford

Sir, Mr Gerald Bonner (May 26) feels that he has the right to expect in his bishop the same acceptance of fundamental Christian belief that he has himself and seems to base this right on his generosity in relieving the poverty of the clergy.

I would not disparage Mr Bonner's well advertised liberality, but would remind him that the Church of England is supported by a wide variety of other people. If he rattles his purse whenever his bishop offends him, he will deserve the hireling he seems to expect.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM SHAW, Chaplain,
Exeter College, Oxford.
May 26.

Accounting for pay

From the Comptroller and Auditor General

Sir, May I point out that your headline, "MPs agree to 25 per cent rise for auditors" (June 5), is seriously misleading? The essence of the new pay structure for the National Audit Office is that it is performance-related. The former system under which staff moved by automatic increments to the maximum for their grade is being abandoned.

Under the new regime any movements up the salary range will have to be earned by performance and only a small proportion of staff will ever reach the maximum for their grade. Others will move to lower points on the salary range and some will not move at all.

A fairer measure of the effect of the proposals is that, in the first full year, they will add 3½ per cent to the National Audit Office's salary bill – a small price to pay for a system involving sharp incentives to greater efficiency.

The change is required by our inability to recruit sufficient numbers of staff of good quality and our loss of trained staff to our competitors.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON DOWNEY,
Comptroller and Auditor General,
National Audit Office,
Audit House,
Victoria Embankment, EC4.
June 5.

Quotas for sugar

From Lord Jellicoe and others

Sir, We, the signatories of this letter, have over many years been concerned with the cane sugar sector and would like to take this opportunity to comment on the forthcoming accession of Portugal to the EEC.

Portugal will accede to the Community in the next year or so and will bring to the Community an increased requirement for raw cane sugar of around 300,000 tonnes per year. Portugal's sugar requirements are currently met entirely from imports of raw sugar and part of these requirements are met under long-term agreements with some ACP (Africa, Caribbean and pacific) countries.

We shall be looking to the EEC to increase the quotas for which preferential EEC access is granted under the Sugar Protocol of the Lomé Convention in order to ensure that Portugal can continue to obtain its requirements of raw cane sugar after accession to the EEC.

In increasing the preferential quotas, the EEC would be greatly assisting the economies of those developing-country exporters which have the sugar available to take up increased quota and which are most anxious to do so.

Over the next few months we shall make every effort possible to achieve a successful outcome for the benefit of the raw sugar exporters and the cane sugar sector within the enlarged EEC.

Yours faithfully,
JELLICOE,
CAMPBELL OF ESKAN,
J. B. TOGANIVALU
(High Commissioner for Fiji),
Tidcombe Manor,
Tidcombe,
Near Marlborough,
Wiltshire.
June 1.

Industrial warning

From Professor Denis Pym

Sir, I am disturbed by the veiled hysteria which Mr Scargill and his supporters have provoked throughout the length and breadth of this kingdom. If Mr Scargill is mad, then he has good reason.

We may be approaching a situation in which all our energy needs could be provided through the employment of a few hundred people. Such circumstances, repeated over a range of industries, would solve no problems that matter, but they will surely hasten the end of industrial society as we know it.

At present we offer ourselves no meaningful alternatives. The applications of new technology seldom elevate the human condition; quite the reverse; too often they are founded on our denigration.

When our relationships with technology are determined by the employment contract we seem quite content to allow technology to undermine human dignity and self-respect. It is time we recognised that "good order" cannot be founded upon an ideology of ever-increasing efficiency and the militarization of the police.

As they did 10 years ago the miners are offering us yet another chance to examine what we are doing. Let us hope this time more of us have the courage to acknowledge and act against what is both fraudulent and insane in our daily lives instead of piling it all on the National Union of Mineworkers.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS PYM,
London Business School,
Sussex Place,
Regent's Park, NW1.
May 24.

British entry to China

From the Director General of The British Council

Sir, Professor Havard Williams's letter of May 19 lamented the poor showing of a British presence in China. A British cultural presence is, however, very much in evidence.

The astonishing success of the BBC English language programme, *Follow Me*, which is seen by audiences of many millions, is perhaps the most visible. English is the official second language of China. At 13 major Chinese universities there are 30 British Council-recruited English language lecturers. There are also 15 teachers of English under Voluntary Service Overseas.

There is a constant stream of British visitors from the performing arts. Some 30 collaborative links have been formed between British and Chinese academic institutions, mainly in science and technology. The Royal Society, British Academy and the Great Britain China Centre are all active in arranging two-way visits.

All this is not necessarily visible to the British visitor. It is, however, very visible to a generation of young Chinese who have had limited access to British ideas and achievements. We hope that in an increasingly welcome climate, created by the council's work in spreading knowledge of the English language and by establishing academic and artistic links, other British enterprise will become more visible.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BURGH, Director General,
The British Council,
10 Spring Gardens, SW1.
May 30.

Scope in engineering

From Mr T. G. P. Rogers

Sir, Professor Heyman (and others) in his letter (May 31) asks industry for suggestions over the shortage of vacation training places for engineers.

We have some 3,500 electronics technologists: we have work for about 700 more than that, so the ones we have are fully stretched. Nevertheless we have committed to train this year 130 vacation students, 290 sponsored and sandwich students, and 507 graduate recruits – a total of 927 technologist trainees.

So we are coping with a 26 per cent training load and a 20 per cent resource shortage. The pressure is not training budget: it is engineering manpower to give trainees proper attention and help.

We therefore argue that we (like many other companies) are doing all we can within our human resources and our business obligations. So what is possible?

My first suggestion relates directly to Cambridge. They have a particular mandatory requirement that engineering undergraduates must undergo "hands-on" workshop experience in industry.

The Finniston report says this should be done in the academic institution and it is a paradox that Cambridge has perhaps the finest university engineering workshop facilities under Mr Nigel Wallace, who also signed the letter to which I am replying.

I suggest a "long vac" term in the engineering workshops could do much to ease the mandatory vacation training problem.

Secondly, there is a Government committee recently formed to study the acute skill shortages in electronics and to propose actions to alleviate the problems causing this shortage. This body must conclude that solutions depend on money, human resource and technical facilities.

Perhaps the human and technical resources of higher education can be used more fully than at present so that more engineering places are created, more training is done in university workshops and laboratories, and more conversion course places are created to enable graduates in other disciplines to become engineers and computer scientists.

The answer has to be a partnership between the taxpayer, education and industry and I hope this correspondence may contribute to this end.

Yours etc,
PARRY ROGERS, Director,
The Plessey Company plc,
Millbank Tower, SW1.
June 1.

A past master

From Mr Harold Glover

Sir, In your issue of May 31 a prominent advertisement says that "In 1876 ... thousands of people wasted a lot of time learning Morse code".

The same issue contains the obituary of Mr Harold Cottam who, by his skill as a marine wireless operator, helped to save the lives of 705 Titanic survivors in 1912.

Verb sap?

Yours faithfully,
H. GLOVER,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
June 1.

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HM YACHT BRITANNIA
June 5: Mr B. L. Barder (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Addis Ababa and Mrs Barder had the honour of being received by The Queen at Buckingham Palace.

The President of the United States of America and Mrs Reagan visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace and remained to luncheon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Havant Station in the Royal Train this afternoon and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then drove to HMS Dryad (Captain Jock Slater, RN), were received by the Secretary of State for Defence (the Right Hon Michael Heseltine, MP), and visited Southwick House.

Afterwards, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to the South Railway Jetty and, accompanied by the Secretary of State for Defence and Mrs Heseltine, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Admiral Sir William O'Brien, Lieutenant-General Sir David Willison and Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham, and attended by the Lord Maclean, the Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, Sir William Heseltine, Mr Michael Shea, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson and Major Pierre Lamontagne, embarked in HM Yacht Britannia.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the South Railway Jetty by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth (Councillor J. S. Marshall).

HM Yacht Britannia, escorted by HMS Torquay (Captain, Commander John McAnally, RN), later sailed for Normandy where Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will attend ceremonies to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Allied Landings.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of the Corporation of the Trinity House, today attended the Annual Court at Trinity House, EC3, where His Royal Highness was received by the Deputy Master (Captain Sir Miles Wingate).

Lieutenant-Commander Andrew Wynn, RN was in attendance.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 5: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this evening unveiled a Blue Plaque to General de Gaulle on 4 Carlton Gardens, his Headquarters during World War II.

Lady Elizabeth Basset and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt were in attendance.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 5: The Prince of Wales, President, the Game Conservancy, this morning visited the Headquarters of the Game Conservancy at Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Lieutenant-Colonel David Bromhead and Mr John Higgs were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, this afternoon visited Normandy where His Royal Highness attended a ceremony at Ranville to commemorate the part played in the Allied Landings in Normandy by the 6th Airborne Division.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel David Bromhead, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace, given by the Development Commission, to mark the Commission's 75th Anniversary.

Mr David Roycroft and Mr John Higgs were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary Air Commodore Royal Air Force Coningsby, today received Group Captain R. D. Arnott on relinquishing his appointment as Station Commander, and Group Captain M. Elsam on assuming this appointment.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 5: The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the new District General Hospital at Stafford. Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Staffordshire County Council's Barlaston First School and later visited the premises of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons Limited at Barlaston.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

The memorial service for Sir John Betjeman, the Poet Laureate, is to held at Westminster Abbey on Friday, June 29, at 11.30 am.

Birthdays today

Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, 75; Professor B. Bleaney, 69; Mr Bjorn Borg, 28; Lord Carrington, CH, 65; Mr David Chipp, 57; Mr Sydney Cockerell, 78; Dame Ninette de Valois, CH, 86; Mr Mike Gatting, 27; Mr Iain Hamilton, 62; Professor R. A. Humphreys, 77; Lord Inchyra, 84; Major-General R. C. M. King, 80; Lord Kings Norton, 82; Mr Willie-John McBride, 44; Mr Justice McNeill, 62; Sir Douglas Morpeth, 60; Lord Nugent of Guildford, 77; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 65; Dr Ruth Sanger, 66; Lord Stodart of Leaston, 68; Air Marshal Sir Hugh Walmsley, 86; Miss Billie Whitelaw, 52.

Bishop to retire

The Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev John Taylor, has announced his retirement, which is to take effect from the end of next February. He will be 70 in September.

Dr Taylor's diocese is the fifth in seniority in the Church of England, after Canterbury, York, London, and Durham, and he is Prelate of the Order of the Garter.

Memorial service

Mr P. N. Roberts
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Philip Nesfield Roberts was held on Thursday, May 24 in the Grosvenor Chapel. The Rev Dr A. W. Marks officiated and the Hon William Grosvenor gave an address. The lessons were read by the Earl of Shelburne, Lord Rennell and Mr Leonard Barr Smith.

Society of Cymmrodorion

The medal of the Society of Cymmrodorion awarded to Sir Geraint Evans and to Dr Gwynfor Evans will be presented at a ceremony in the National Museum of Wales on October 27.

Professor Emrys Jones DSc is to be chairman of the council of the society, in succession to Judge Watkin Powell.

Medal winner

The Royal Society of Arts has awarded its Benjamin Franklin Medal for 1984 to Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, the former Governor of the Bank of England, in recognition of his contribution to Anglo-American financial and commercial relations.

Luncheons

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House given in honour of the Secretary of State of the United States, Mr George Shultz.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution
The Duke of Northumberland, President of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal after the 124th annual meeting of the institution. The guest speaker was the Hon Sir Richard Butler, President of the National Farmers' Union.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner yesteday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Ronald Reagan, President of the United States. The other guests were:
Mr George P Shultz, Mr Donald T Regan, the American Ambassador, Mr James A Baker, III, Mr Robert C McFarlane, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr Nigel Lawson, MP, Mr Norman Tebbit MP, Sir Oliver Wright and Mr John Coles.

Bakers' Company
Mr Rex Joseph, Master of the Bakers' Company, accompanied by Mrs Joseph and assisted by Mr Hugh Joseph and Mr Roy Tiley, presided at the annual ladies dinner held last night at Armoury House. The other speakers were Mr Clifford Clark and Mr Lionel Springett.

Reform Club
The Economics and Current Affairs Group of the Reform Club held a dinner last night at the club. The guest of honour was Sir William Rees-Mogg. Mr Douglas Llambias was in the chair.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr C. R. Hitchings, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at the society's headquarters in Lambeth High Street. Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England, Wales and Scotland, also spoke.

Receptions

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Younger last night were hosts at a reception to view the beating retreat of the bands of the Household Division, for Scottish parliamentarians, in Dover House, Whitehall.

Lord Wilson of Rievaulx
Lord Wilson of Rievaulx was host at a reception held at the House of Lords yesterday on the occasion of the publication by Trentham Books of Mr Eric Moonman's new book, *The Alternative Government.*

Garden party

HMS Dryad
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were present yesterday at a garden party at HMS Dryad to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of D-Day. The Secretary of State for Defence, the Chief of the Defence Staff, the First Sea Lord, the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, the Commondant General Royal Marines, the Director Women's Royal Naval Service, ambassadors, senior officers and local dignitaries were also present.

Banquet

Lord Mayor
The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York were speakers at a banquet given by the Lord Mayor and Sir John Donaldson last night at the Mansion House for Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy of the Anglican Communion at home and overseas, Aldermen, Sheriffs, members of the Court of Common Council and Officers of the Corporation of London with their ladies. The Lord Mayor also spoke. Other guests included:
Sir Denis and Lady Truscott, Sir Edmund Stockdale, Mrs Thomas Stockdale, Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Mr and Mrs Michael Donaldson, Mr and Mrs S Fogel, Miss Melanie Gardner and Mrs Kathie Molloy.

Latest wills

Air Vice-Marshal Sidney Norman Webster, of Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham who piloted the Supermarine S5 which won the Schneider trophy race for Britain in 1927 establishing a world air speed record of 281.49 mph, left estate valued at £46,015 net.

Mr Eric Lyde Hargreaves, of Oxford, Emeritus Fellow of Oriel College and a notable economist, left estate valued at £230,334 net. He left £4,000 and his personal chattels to personal legatees, and the residue equally between Oriel College, for the use and general purposes of the college, the National Trust and St Dunstan's.

The Queen of Denmark and Prince Henrik in high spirits on a fairground carousel at Hjallerup, Jutland.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. S. Fester and Miss C Saunders
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of the late Dr Gerald Fester and of Mrs J. Evans, and stepson of Mr J. Evans, of Feltham, Middlesex, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. G. Saunders, of Whitchurch, Cardiff.

Mr I. W. Gartshore and Miss K. S. Thorne
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Gartshore, of Tadworth, Surrey, and Katherine, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Napier Thorne, of Highgate, London.

Mr J. A. N. Halliday and Miss S. R. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr Nigel Halliday, of London, and Mrs Michael Spurway, of Corfe Barton, Taunton, Somerset, and Sian Rhiannon elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Thomas, of Pentre Meyrick House, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.

Mr C. N. M Hawkin and Mlle C. L. Glinne
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Hawkin, and Catherine, daughter of M and Mme Glinne, of Belgium.

Mr C. E. Ince and Miss J. P. Milner
The engagement is announced between Clive, son of Mr and Mrs L. E. Ince, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Milner, of Laverstock, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr G. Leyshon and Miss S. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Gary, only son of Mr and Mrs W. N. Leyshon, of Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, and Sally, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs C. W. Thomas, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Mr D. J. G. Morrell and Dr S. L. M. Wookey
The engagement is announced between David, son of Colonel and Mrs H. W. J. Morrell, of Sandford St Martin, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. J. Wookey, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr A. S. Ponce and Miss A. M. Hughes
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Manila, Philippines, on June 29 1984, between Andy Simoun, son of Mr and Mrs F. Ponce, of Manila, and Anne Morland, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. M. Hughes, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Dr C. F. Powell-Brett and Miss S. A. Birrell
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Colonel and Mrs Francis Powell-Brett, and Sarah, daughter of Mr John Birrell and Mrs Michael Tyndall.

Mr C. A. Sherratt and Miss P. M. Woods
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs M. Sherratt, of Macclesfield, and Philippa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. C. Woods, of Grayshott.

Bedford School

Open scholarships 1984
Major scholarships: H S J Wilkinson, Chafyn Grove School, Salisbury; E A J Davey, Kingshott School, Hitchin; J R Tomkins, Beechwood Park School, Markyate; U Mukherjee, Bedford School; J M Denis-Smith, Beechwood Park School, Markyate; J T Rothfield, Banda School, Nairobi, Kenya.
Minor scholarships: G L Machin, Bedford School; D N Prosser, Bedford Lower School; M B Lavis, Bedford Lower School; D M Blair, Caldicott School, Farnham Royal.
Exhibitions: J Warshaw, Aldwickbury School, Harpenden; A Keswani, Kingshott School, Hitchin; C J W Starkie, Aldwickbury School, Harpenden; B M Valentin, Wellingborough Junior School; R L Morgan, Swanbourne House School, Milton Keynes.
Music scholarships: N R Stebbing-Allen, Westminster Abbey Choir School; J E Eley, Bedford Lower School.
Music exhibitions: M R Plumtree, St Faith's, Cambridge; J R Tomkins, Beechwood Park School, Markyate.
Music and drama bursary: B J E Webster, Aldwickbury School, Harpenden.

Bloxham School

The following awards have been made:
At age 13, Academic
John Schuster scholarship: A M Bligh, Beechwood Park; T P C Martin, Arnold Lodge; R K Holmes, Wolborough Hill, Newton Abbot.
Roger Raymond scholarship: H J Foster, Chafyn Grove.
Exhibitions: G E Wilson, Arnold Lodge; A C E Kimbell, Great Houghton Hall.
Chapel centenary bursaries: W C Pearmund, Parkside, Cobham; J P Compton, Arnold Lodge and Bloxham.
Music:
Exhibition: O B Leech, Cathedral Choir School, Ripon.
Art
Scholarship: S T Adams, Spratton Hall.
Exhibition: R Evans, Emscote Lawn.
Lawrence Robson sixth form awards
Scholarship: I G M Britton, Warriner, Bloxham.
Exhibitions: J K Hunter, Warriner; A K Biggs, Southbrook Comprehensive; S J Davies, Warriner; K M Nicholl, Doddershill; P J Pyle, Charlton Park; L K Sumner, Abbey, Reading.
Chapel centenary bursaries: K J H Smith, Warriner; F J Waddy, Northampton High.
Music exhibition: F C Cuthberson, Ashlyns.

Denstone College

Scholarship examinations, 1984
The following awards have been offered:
Academic
Major scholarship: M G De Ville (Smallwood Manor).
Minor scholarships: M A E Woods (Smallwood Manor); S R A Page (Pownall Hall); H G J Staples (Smallwood Manor); A P Bradley (Smallwood Manor); I R Tetley (Smallwood Manor); P R Goode (Stancliffe Hall); D W Price (Smallwood Manor).
Exhibitions: M R H Dodson (Stretton Hall); A M Platt (Smallwood Manor); A J Gagie (Smallwood Manor); P J Wooddisse (Smallwood Manor); T M Dalton (Denstone College).
Music and Choral
Major Scholarships: I R Tetley (Smallwood Manor) (M and C); A P Bradley (Smallwood Manor) (M and C); W D Moorley (Foremarke Hall) (M).
Exhibitions: G Williams (Smallwood Manor) (M); S R A Page (Pownall Hall) (C).
Art
Major Scholarship: M R Robertson (Brocksford Hall).

The King's School Canterbury

Girls entering the sixth form in September, 1985, may compete for one academic scholarship which will be offered as a result of the entrance examination held in October, 1984.

One music scholarship will also be offered for competition in February, 1985.

The school prospectus may be obtained from the Headmaster's secretary, The King's School, Canterbury, Kent.

The Leys School

The governors of The Leys School have elected as their chairman (to succeed the late Sir Arthur Armitage) Professor Colin Renfrew, Disney professor of archaeology and fellow of St John's College, Cambridge.

Scholarships and exhibitions, 1984
Foundation scholarships: S B Heather, Hurworth House; M J Lamb (for languages) Stancliffe Hall; M S R Pertwee, St Faith's School; P A H Raper (for mathematics and science) Woodleigh School.
Foundation exhibitions: J R Bittinger, St Faith's School; R S Halliday, St Faith's School; G N Kennedy, Edge Grove; C S Markham, St Faith's School; R A McG Moore (with music) Temple Grove and The Leys; A J Baker, Witham Hall; A E Holmes, St John's College School.
St Faith's Exhibition: C J Hunter (for mathematics and science) St Faith's School.
Art Scholarship: A C M Lidster, St Faith's School.
Art exhibition: T P Newman, St Faith's School.

Marriages

Earl Cathcart and Marie Lady Weldon
The marriage took place quietly on Friday, May 25, 1984, at All Saints, Wardour Castle, of Earl Cathcart and Marie Isobel Lady Weldon, widow of Sir Thomas Weldon, Bt.

Sir Gordon Robson and Miss Kilpatrick
The marriage took place in Montreal, Canada, on Monday, May 28, 1984, between Sir Gordon Robson and Miss Jennifer Kilpatrick.

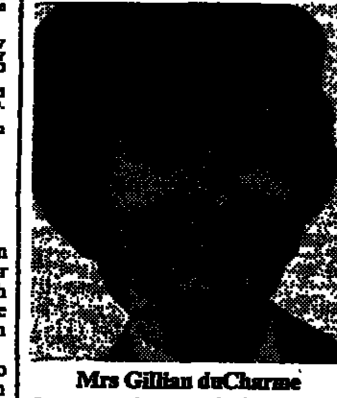
Mr R. B. M. Masson-Taylor and Miss K. A. O. Chippindall-Higgin
The marriage took place yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr Rohan Brainard Muir Masson-Taylor, son of the late Mr Clifford Taylor and of Mrs Clifford Masson-Taylor, to Miss Kerry Anne Orlaith Chippindall-Higgin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Chippindall-Higgin. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Damaris Masson-Taylor, Miss Clare Pope, Georgina and Susannah Pope, Louise Pascoe, Mark and Caro Oldham, Charles Allison, and Tessa and Peter Abrahams. Mr Sebastian Riley-Smith was best man.

A reception was held at the Park Lane Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P. E. J. Russell and Signorina R. G. E. Battilana
The marriage took place on May 26 at the Church of The Holy Cross, Parma, between Mr Paul Russell, third son of Captain and Mrs D. E. H. Russell, of Dorchester, Dorset, and Signorina Rossana Battilana, daughter of Signor and Signore Alfredo Battilana, of Parma.

Latest appointments



Mrs Gillian duCharme

Latest appointments include:
Lieutenant-General Charles Donnelly to be Commander of US and Allied Air Forces in Europe, in the rank of full general, replacing General Billy Minter.
Mrs Gillian duCharme, Headmistress of The Town School, New York City, to be Headmistress of Benenden School in 1985, in succession to Miss Janet Allen.
Mr John Howkins to be Executive Director of the International Institute of Communications.
Professor John Fage, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Birmingham University, to be chairman of the Coordinating Council of Area Studies Associations.

Baby for princess

Luxembourg (Reuter) – Princess Marie-Therese, wife of the heir of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, gave birth to a second son on Monday.

Science report

Hopes of new brain cells for old

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The idea that brain damage from accidents or illness is irreversible is being challenged by recent discoveries in neuroscience research.

The results suggest that treatment could eventually be found to stimulate the regeneration of new tissue.

The reasons behind this fundamental change in attitude about the prospects for brain repair – which is spreading among neurologists in Europe and the United States – are explained by Dr Jeffrey Nye, of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, in the current issue of *Nature*.

Dr Nye emphasizes the continuing disagreement among specialists in this field about the possibility of generating completely new tissue in the central nervous system.

Traditional textbook theory insists that only during the embryo stage of life and in the immediate period after birth do the neuronal precursor cells multiply, provided the ones on which the subsequent development of the organ into its three main divisions of forebrain, midbrain and hindbrain depends.

Recent research, however, shows that in some species the generation of new brain cells occurs as a normal part of the natural life cycle. Dr Nye refers particularly to work by a team at the Rockefeller University in New York, who have observed some remarkable changes in songbirds.

In some avian species the nerve cells in the part of the forebrain connected with song production and other perceptions in spring shrivel away every year. New cells are regenerated later.

The recovery and loss of these neurones occur so as to precede the acquisition and the disappearance of song. Thus "neurogenesis" is said to serve as an adaptive function in the life of songbirds.

Nevertheless, all the current information from studying primates indicates that in that family the formation of all the nerve cells on which the creation of the brain is determined is completed soon after birth, although learning continues through adulthood.

With the exception of some olfactory nerve cells connected with the sense of smell, Dr Nye reports that despite extensive searches by many groups of neuroscientists no new nerve cells have been found in primates after early infancy.

Instead of growing new neurones adult primates adapt by forming new connexions between nerve cells to circumvent damage and modifying old ones. Restoration of the capacity for neurogenesis is an attractive challenge. But the scientists are still investigating the mechanisms which stimulate the processes of making new connexions between remaining cells.

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OBITUARY

SIR FREDERICK RUSSELL

Distinguished marine biologist

Sir Frederick Russell, CBE, DSC, DFC, FRS, who died yesterday at the age of 86 was a marine biologist who made major contributions to the study of the fauna of the sea and was Director of the Plymouth Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom from 1945 to 1965.

Frederick Stratton Russell was born at Bridport on November 3, 1897 and educated at Oundle School and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. There was a long break while serving with high distinction in the First World War as an observer in the RNAS and then the RAF. He received the DSC, DFC and the French Croix de Guerre and was a member of the Interallied Belgian Coast Defence Committee in 1919.

In 1922 he was appointed Assistant Director of Fisheries Research to the Government of Egypt but within two years returned as an Assistant Naturalist in the Plymouth Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. There he remained for 41 years.

In 1924 the Plymouth Laboratory under the judicious directorship of E. J. Allen was at a particularly productive period. With increased government aid additional staff were appointed and widened interests united in a concerted attack on the basic problems of marine productivity.

Russell's initial concern was with diurnal migrations of the young planktonic stages of fish this soon coming to cover such movements in a wide variety of plankton, notably the crustacean copepods which are the major food of herring. He showed how, during the day, each such organism seeks depths at which its optimal light intensity prevails following this upward as light declines. During darkness plankton scatters widely to return to the surface at dawn.

In 1928, accompanied by his wife, Gweneth, he joined the Great Barrier Reef Expedition which aimed to study all aspects of life in and around coral reefs using methods recently developed at Plymouth and its sister laboratory at Millport Scotland. Under his direction a "boat party", consisting of Sheina Marshall and A. P. Orr from Millport with J. S. Colman, followed physical, chemical and planktonic changes throughout the year in these tropical waters revealing low but constant levels of productivity.

On return to Plymouth attention became focussed on the planktonic arrow worms with results published in a classic series of papers *On the Biology of Sagitta*. He revealed that the presence of a particular species was a sure indication of the origin of the water mass, rich or poor in nutrients and so controlling productivity. In later years these indicators revealed the causes of long term changes in productivity in the western English Channel now termed the Russell cycle. Their original identification led to his election to Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1938.

He spent the Second World War in London, a Wing Commander on Air Staff Intelligence, returning to Plymouth as Director following the death of Stanley Kemp who had succeeded Allen in 1936. Time for research was limited but work, begun earlier with E. T. Browne, resulted in the publication in 1953 and 1970 of the two volumes of his *Medusae of the British Isles* followed in 1976 by *Eggs and Planktonic Stages of British Marine Fishes*. All are major contributions to knowledge of the British fauna. He was co-author of *The Seas*, with C. M. Yonge, which achieved a 4th edition almost 50 years after first publication. He was editor of *Advances in Marine Biology*.

Under his directorship, the Plymouth Laboratory more than maintained its position as a world centre for marine research. New research vessels came into commission, laboratories and library were greatly extended and facilities provided for the ever-widening range of physiological and electron microscopical studies. Numbers of staff at all levels greatly increased. All was controlled with calm wisdom and much forethought.

Other responsibilities were with the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), Colonial Fisheries Advisory Committee, National Oceanographic Council, as Chairman of the Advisory Panel on biological research to the Central Electricity Generation Board, as Trustee of the National Maritime Museum.

He was appointed CBE in 1955 and knighted in 1965, other honours included honorary degrees from Glasgow, Exeter, Birmingham and Bristol, award of the Linnean Gold Medal and foreign membership of the Danish Academy. But perhaps the most appropriate acknowlegment of his distinguished contribution to marine biological research was the naming of one of the Natural Environmental Research Council's new research vessels, Sir Frederick Russell, after him, a few years ago.

Russell was the least assuming of people with a natural dignity combined with much charm and a great sense of humour. His personal joys were in fishing and sketching. He was a born enquirer whose urge for research survived 5 years of war service and 20 years of administration to blossom again in years of retirement. He inspired deep affection and will have an enduring place in the history of marine biology.

His wife died in 1976.

DR FUAD MOHIEDDIN

Dr Fuad Mohieddin, Prime Minister of Egypt, Secretary General of the ruling National Democratic Party and President Mubarak's right hand man for the past three years, died yesterday in Cairo at the age of 58.

He came from a family which has left its mark on Post-revolutionary Egypt. One cousin, Zakaria Mohieddin, was Prime Minister and Vice-President under Nasser, while another, Khalid Mohieddin, is Egypt's most prominent Marxist politician and leader of the small left-wing Unionist Progressive Party. Dr Mohieddin himself was a middle-of-the-road social democrat.

Mohieddin was born in a small town of the Nile delta in 1926, graduated in medicine from the University of Cairo, and specialized in radiology, but on his election in 1957 to Egypt's first National Assembly after the revolution; devoted himself to politics and government service.

In the 1960s and early 1970s he was the governor in turn of three Egyptian provinces, including Alexandria and Giza, before starting in 1973 his long Ministerial career. The late President Sadat, on himself assuming the premiership in 1978, chose Mohieddin as his deputy, while President Mubarak appointed him to head his first Cabinet in 1982.

Known for his capacity for hard work and his distaste for personal publicity, Mohieddin served both Sadat and Mubarak in the long haul of economic and political renewal on which Egypt embarked after its peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Before his death he had the satisfaction of leading the National Democratic Party to victory at last month's elections, the freest held in Egypt since the revolution.

MR TOM BLAU

Mr Tom Blau, founder and managing director of Camera Press, one of the world's most important picture agencies, died in London on May 19 at the age of 71.

Born in Berlin of Hungarian parents, Blau arrived in Britain in 1935 and worked as a freelance photographer for the *New York Times*. In 1937 he went to work for Keystone Press, and at the end of 1938 was asked to set up a photographic press agency, which was called Pictorial Press.

He founded Camera Press, which was his own agency, in 1947, the year in which he was naturalized as a British subject. The agency grew rapidly and achieved an international reputation, representing such eminent photographers as Snowdon, Norman Parkinson, Patrick Lichfield and Karsh of Ottawa.

Blau was himself a photographer of some distinction, and travelled widely to meet his subjects. Among those who sat for him were P. G. Wodehouse, Somerset Maugham, Sibelius, Dr Henry Kissinger, Mr Richard Nixon, Ernest Oppenheimer, Aristotle Onassis, John Wayne and Peter Sellers.

He published his own autobiography, *In and Out of Focus*, in 1983.

MR FRANK LYNDER

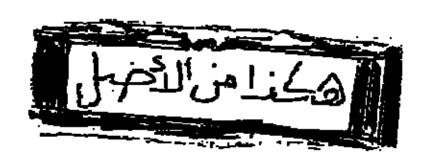
A correspondent writes:
Mr Frank Lynder ("The Sergeant") died recently in Berlin after a long illness at the age of 68. He was one of the few surviving members of the remarkable team of "clandestine" broadcasters whom the late Sefton Delmer gathered round him in the Woburn area during the years 1941-45.

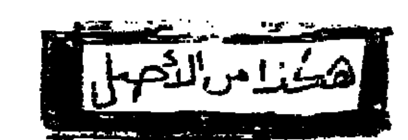
Lynder found his way to England shortly before the outbreak of war and enlisted in the Pioneer Corps with the minimum of delay. He found his way to Delmer's small but very secret organization early in 1942.

Although without previous scriptwriting or broadcasting experience he soon became a valued member of Delmer's group. For a long period he worked as an extra-mural member of NI 17z where he worked on the analysis of German naval intelligence material for Donald McLachlan, later the founding editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*.

Thus Lynder played an important role in the highly-subversive broadcasts of the Kurzwellensender Atlantik whose "misinformation" had a large audience among the U-boat crews.

Soon after the war he was awarded British nationality. After a spell with Reuters he returned to Germany and was for many years a senior executive in the Axel Springer Verlag. He became related to Herr Springer by marriage.





THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Reinforcements needed for debt fire-fighters

"Case by case" is the slogan trotted out by statesmen assembling for the London economic summit when questioned on the correct approach to the international debt crisis. Yesterday, American and British spokesmen reiterated their belief in this strategy, but it seemed to be softening at the edges. The proposal by the managing director of the International Monetary Fund, M Jacques de Larosière, for a generalized extension of loan repayment periods is receiving attention by summit governments.

There is, however, some danger of a confusion between long-term policies and immediate problems. M de Larosière, who was speaking to a international monetary conference in Philadelphia this week, has been trying to move debt management on from the fire-fighting, short-term reschedulings that have been a feature of the past two years to a longer-term approach – particularly since another debt mountain looms in the late 1980s, when another cluster of third-world loans matures. Mexico, he pointed out, faces average repayments of $12 billion (£8.5 billion) a year between 1985 and 1990.

Preparations for the summit discussions on debt have similarly concentrated on the long term, and governments involved seem prepared to encourage greater inflows of direct investment. Italy's prime minister, Signor Bettino Craxi – this summit's new entrant to the world Leader's club – added his vioce yesterday to the chorus of demand for new rescheduling techniques.

But for the immediate nigotiations, all the main governments involved – and noticeably the American and British – are sticking doggedly to the view that countries must deal direct with their bankers and with the IMF. It is an approach which still seens to be working; the threatened "debtors' cartel" is still not materializing, despite threats form the smaller Latin American nations.

Ecuador yesterday backed away from the suggestion that it was finally defaulting. The finance minister, Senor Pedro Pinto, said that its foreign debt was "normal rescheduling procedure". It was not unilateral, and the Paris Club of western creditor nations had been kept informed.

While Señor Pinto was taking pains to argue that Ecuador was not another Bolivia, Argentia was inching towards settlement of immediate difficulties. An announcement is thought to be imminent of an outline settlement on Argentina's arrears of bank interest, which has to be agreed before the June 30 balance sheet deadline of the American banks.

A deal is emerging under which about $500m will be provided to mop up interest arrears, $350m straight out of Argentinian reserves and the rest in the form of an advance which would be backed, although not formally guaranteed, by Argentine foreign exchange deposits at the New York Federal Reserve, with irrevocable repayment instuctions.

This complex solution covers only part of the Argentine problem. Negotiations are for example, still continuing with the International Monetary Fund. But a reduction of interest arrears is necessary if American banks are not to declare their Argentine loans "non-performing."

Such a declaration would make a serious dent in the reported level of bank profits, at a moment when the American banking system is under strain. It is not otherwise clear precisely what difference such a declaration would make to the debt crisis. The distribution between "performing" and "non-performing" loans, or between abnormal suspension of payments and "normal" rescheduling, is becoming very tenuous indeed.

Money supplies a summit surprise

Bond markets are unreliable places, prone to quirky reactions. Yesterday's bravura display of monetary control by the authorities, in the shape of a modest three-quarter per cent rise in sterling M3 for banking May, met with a reaction that varied from incredulity to astonishment.

Lest it be forgotten, a week ago the market was expecting a jump of over 2 per cent in sterling M3, and a base rate rise, perhaps to 11 per cent, to choke off excess credit demand. After yesterday's figures had been assimulated, a strong rally developed in the confident expectation that the Government Broker will be out there this morning selling hard, and taking as many curtain calls as modesty permits.

The figures are, indeed startling – almost unbelievably well-timed to precede the economic summit. The market feared that primate bank lending would be as high as £1.5 billion during banking May; it turned out at barely a third of this figure, in possible confirmation of suspicions that the pace of economic recovery is now slowing down.

The figure for public borrowing is equally modest. A total of £700m for banking May contrasts strangely with the reported figure for the calendar month of April, which overlaps the banking month by two weeks, of £2.4 billion. The statistics for exchequer transactions during the later weeks of May show a high level of government demand for money too.

The figures certainly put a different complexion on the level of government funding in May, a modest £400m. With bank lending and the PSBR both so low, the government needed precious little. And the negligible impact on the money supply of the external and foreign currency components suggests that pressure on sterling from interest-rate differentials was virtually non-existent.

But are the figures too good to be true, as least for more than a month? In the short term, the gilts market may go along with the Government's evident desire to depress yields.

West German and Japanese bond markets were firm yesterday. But US bonds weakened, as profit-taking developed after the sharp advances of the last few days. It is true that a number of indicators suggest that the US growth rate may be slowing, notably: the consumer expectations index; the May purchasing managers survey; a drop in labour market bouyancy; and some weakening in April non-defence orders. But the latest money supply figures, which tend to act as a six-month lead indicator for the real economy, showed a jump of $3.3 billion in the week to May 21,

From the wings, Dr Henry Kaufman comments, in his latest credit bulletin, that the Fed will not remain in its present accomodative stance as lender of last resort to the banking system indefinitely. He suggests that the longer it retains a passive stance in deference to broader responsibilities, the greater will be its task in reining in expansive money and credit growth. Higher prime rates shortly?

But United Kingdom monetary growth is also fractionally above its target range as well after yesterday's figures. So have all those base rate fears merely been deferred, to resurface again in a month's time?

Base rate pressure eases with lower rise in money growth

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Money supply growth last month was much slower than the gloomy predictions circulating in the City and pressure for an early rise in bank rate continued to ease yesterday. The announcement of the figures reinforced the turnround in sentiment in financial markets since the middle of last week when a rise in base rates to 10 per cent from the present 9 to 9.25 per cent range seemed inevitable.

Compared with City forecasts of a rise in money supply of up to 2 per cent, Sterling M3 – still the most widely measure – rose by only about 0.75 per cent according to the Bank of England's preliminary estimates. M_0, the narrow measure of money, covering mainly notes and coins in circulation, increased by about 0.5 per cent.

The figures were greeted with relief in the City and helped to fuel interest in the gilts market, where long-dated stocks closed with gains of nearly £½ on the day.

Poor money supply figures had been expected because of a combination of heavy public borrowing at this time of year, continuing strong growth in bank lending to the private sector and the low level of government funding through gilt sales.

In the event, the public sector was responsible for £300m of monetary growth after taking account of £400m of government debt sales to the non-bank private sector. But sterling lending to the private sector increased by only £600m, much less than expected, and well below the average of about £1.3 billion a month over the previous half year.

MONEY GROWTH
seasonally adjusted to May 16, 1984

	4 wks %	3 mths % ann.	12 mths %
Mo	0.5	4.25	5.0
£M3	0.75	10.5	8.5
PSL 2	1.25	17.5	12.0

Target ranges for 1984-85
Mo, 4-8 %, £M3 6-10 %

One explanation of this seems to have been a sharp decline in lending to the discount houses,

Although monetary growth in May has turned out to be much better than expected, there are still lingering doubts in some parts of the City about monetary policy.

PSL2, the broad measure wwhich includes building society deposits, rose by about 1.25 per cent last month and has grown at an annualized rate of about 17.5 per cent during the last three months. PSL2 is no longer targeted by the government, but sterling M3 is also at the top end of its target range. During the last three months it has been above target, rising at an annualized rate of 10.5 per cent, although over the past year it has risen by 8.5 per cent, within the 6 to 10 per cent target range.

However, M_0, which the Government takes into account when judging the level of short-term interest rates, is towards the bottom of its target range.

Money market rates eased again yesterday as the threat of higher interest rates receded.

In the foreign exchange markets, sterling eased, closing around its low point for the day against a firm dollar, down 70 points at $1.3940. On its trade-weighted index it fell 0.2 to 79.3, lowest level for 14 months.

Dow starts with losses

Wall Street (AP-DJ) – Stocks rose above their morning lows, in early trading in New York yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 5 points at 1126. It was down nine earler.

Declines lead advances by a seven-to-five margin in contrast to their earlier two-to-one advatage.

The bond market whih began its rally at the middle of last week pulled back yesterday.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index:1077.8 down 0.2 (high: 1079.9; low: 1069.5)
FT Index: 840.1 down 3.2
FT Gilts: 79.51 up 0.17
FT All Share: n.a.
Bargains: 20,770
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 105.98 up 0.35
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1127.26 down 4 31
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,258.76 up 127.10
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 932.44 up 14.94

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.3940 down 70pts
Index 79.3 down 0.2
DM 3.74 up 0.0088
FrF 11.52 up 0.0325
Yen 321 00 down 0.75

Dollar
Index 129.7 up 0.2
DM 2.6760 up 0.0108

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.3955
Dollar DM 2.6865

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.595696
SDR £0.748068

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9. 9½
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 9-8½
3 month interbank 9½-9⅜

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11⁷⁄₁₆-11⁵⁄₁₆
3 month DM 5⅞-5¾
3 month Fr F 13¾-13½

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 10¹¹⁄₁₆
Treasury long bond 98⅜-98⅞

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period May 2 to June 5, 1984, inclusive: 9.516 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $394 pm $393.75
close $393.75-394.25 (£281.75-282.25)
New York (latest): $393.75
Krugerrand* (per coin): $405.50-407 (£290.50-291.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $92.50-93.50 (£66.25-67)
*Excludes VAT

Cameron for sale after S&N deal collapses

By Derek Pain

J. W. Cameron and Co., the Hartlepool brewery, is up for sale again after the collapse of the £44.5m takeover bid by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, the McEwan and Younger group.

Scottish said yesterday that the proposed deal had been terminated after the surprise decision of Mr Norman Tebbit, Trade Secretary, to refer the deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The hotel-owning Barclay brothers – David and Frederick – agreed to sell Cameron to Scottish seven weeks ago. They had acquired the company five months earlier when they paid a reported £48m for Ellerman Lines, the privately-owned shipping group which owned Cameron and another brewery, Tollemache and Cobbold of East Anglia.

Mr David Barclay said yesterday that it was still the intention to sell Cameron, "we have made it clear that it is our intention to concentrate on our southern brewing operations".

The Scottish deal was to be largely financed by a share placing which had been arranged but will not now take place.

Labour MPs and the Campaign for Real Ale had objected to the deal. Two North-Eastern breweries, Vaux Breweries of Sunderland and the Northern Clubs Federation Brewery of Newcastle upon Tyne also opposed it.

Mr Richard Pettit, a Vaux director said: "The combined group would have had two our of every five pubs in the North-east.

Scottish had intended to concentrate its efforts much more strongly in Scotland and the north of England and reduce its role as a national brewer. But the loss of Cameron could force it to rethink its attitude.

● Swithland Leisure, a private company backed by Mr Ada Page, former owner of the Grosvenor Leisure group public houses and discotheques, yesterday made a £1.88m takeover bid for Midsummer Inns, previously known as Camra (Real Ale) Investments. Swithland has acquired a 24.7 per cent stake in Midsummer Inns from brothers Mr Barrie and Mr Robert Hoar at 215p per share.

Stockbrokers in demand

By William Kay and Wayne Lintott

Grieveson Grant, one of the biggest stockbroking firms, is understood to have talked to both General Electric Company and BAT Industries about the possibility of one of them taking a 29.9 per cent stake in the firm.

This emerged yesterday as Hill Samuel, the merchant banking group, was unveiling a 29.9 per cent interest in the Edinburgh stockbroker Wood Mackenzie, amid a flurry of activity.

Another broker, Capel-Cure Myers, is believed to be at an advanced stage of negotiating a similar deal, while both National Westminster Bank and Lloyds Bank are reported to be close to announcing further Stock Exchange links.

GEC last night denied talks with Grieveson and BAT, the tobacco firm which owns Eagle Star Insurance, refused to comment. But sources close to Grieveson claim that Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, has been personally involved.

Mr John Chiene, senior partner of Wood Mackenzie, admitted that his firm had "a change of view" in April about the virtues of independence because of the likely need for capital in the new stock market environment.

Mr Christopher Castleman, Hill Samuel's chief executive, said: "When we heard that, we moved straight in. We have known Wood Mackenzie for a long time. We even play darts with them – and win."

Capital is to be injected into it through a private placing which will leave the computer management and Hill Samuel each with 20 per cent. Then the computer business will be floated on the stock market in its own right, probably within three years.

This business is comparable with, and about half the size of Datastream, which was recently taken over by Dun and Bradstreet for £73m. That was an exceptional price, but the Wood Mackenzie offshoot could be worth £20m today.

The aim of the main deal, said Mr Chiene and Mr Castleman, was to develop an integrated investment banking business combining corporate advisory, origination, research, distribution and trading capabilities. Wood Mackenzie has recruited an experienced jobber to develop its market-making activities.

Hill Samuel also disclosed that its profits for the year to March rose from £20.1m to £25.3m after tax and transfers to inner reserves. The final dividend is 7.5p a share, making a total of 10.5p, an increase of 15.4 per cent.

Deal struck: John Chiene (left), senior partner of Wood Mackenzie and Christopher Castleman, chief executive of Hill Samuel

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jitters as coffee prices fall

Nervousness ruled the London coffee market yesterday. As prices fell consumer members of the International Coffee Organization, whose executive is meeting in London, pressed for measures to increase the availability of coffee on the world market.

The price for delivery of coffee in September on the London futures market fell by £50 a tonne to £2,203 a tonne.

● DE LA RUE, the security printing group, raised its pretax profits from £31.6m to £37.4m for the year to March 31 1984. Turnover increased to £271.8m from £225.9m. A final dividend of 18.4p makes 25p for the year, against 23.5p last time.

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● Hanson Trust, the industrial conglomerate, yesterday disclosed that its pretax profits inthe half-year to the end of March had soared from £33.9m to £64.4m, maintaining the group's unbroken record of rapid growt

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● REED International's pretax profits rose from £60.9m to £96.4m for the 52 weeks ending April 1 on sales up from £1.8 billion to £2 billion.

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● BP has been given government approval to use a satellite production platform to increase output from Britain's largest North Sea oil field, Forties. BP is now likely to extract more than 2 billion barrels of oil from the field, compared with an original estimate of 1.8 billion.

Mirror price may be cut

By Philip Robinson

It now looks virtually certain that the public flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers will be scaled down from £100m to £80m.

Figures disclosed yesterday by its parent company, Reed International, show profits of the six-newspaper chain down from £8.1m to £5.7m. Reed admitted that *The Sporting Life* and the *Sunday People* have lost money in the year to last April, but declined to give figures for the *Daily* and *Sunday Mirrors* and hinted that the strong performance of the Scottish newspaper has stemmed any further slide in group profit.

But Mr Leslie Carpenter, Reed's chief executive, dismissed suggestions that Mirror Group's profits were, or ever have been, heading down to just £1m.

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Lonrho offers compromise

Lonrho has suggested a series of compromises to the Office of Fair Trading in response to its request that Lonrho should do nothing to prejudice the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's inquiry into its relationship with House of Fraser.

The OFT wants assurances which effectively freeze the present position of the two companies until the commission's report.

Hongkong buyers meeting 'wrong' salesmen

UK export trips to be curbed

From Jonathan Clare, Hongkong

The British Trade Commission in Hongkong is to restrict the number of visits by British exporters on sales missions to the colony organized by local authorities and Chambers of Commerce.

The commission is concerned that the high number of visits by groups of companies drawn from specific geographical regions is preventing Hongkong buyers from meeting what it regards as the right British salesmen.

It wants to bring in more "vertical" trade missions, which include several companies from the same industry rather than the same geographical area. This will enable Hongkong buyers to meet several similar manufacturers at the same time.

The commission is anxious to avoid offending local authorities whose visits it has previously regularly hosted, and has yet to decide how many 'horizontal' missions it will allow next year.

A spokesman said that, contrary to local Hongkong reports, the commissions tougher attitude is not the result of too many poorly-attended junkets which have stretched its resources. The spokesman added: "There is a possibility that the number will be reduced. We will be more critical – we don't want 25 people on a Chamber of Commerce mission."

Local estimates put the likely number of visits of both types at a record 22 this year – 13 have already been made – against 19 last year.

This number will almost certainly fall next year, but the commission hopes that the total number of companies visiting the colony will remain the same.

It also wants to space out the missions, which are presently compressed into the first and last months of the year because many Hongkong buyers leave the colony during the humid summer months, while British salesmen are reluctant to lose their holidays.

The number of missions has doubled from just 10 in 1980 because more British companies are looking for markets in the Far East after previously concentrating on the Middle East. Most of these newcomers make Hongkong their first stop and the market is now the second biggest in the region after Japan for British exporters.

The commission promotes the selling of British goods in Hongkong. It accepts visits by British companies which are subsidized by the Department of Trade and Industry as official trade missions and gives commercial help to British exporters in Hongkong by organizing conferences and issuing press releases.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **PORTSMOUTH AND SUNDERLAND NEWSPAPERS:** Year to March 31, 1984. Results include those of Jesse Ward Investments from Nov. 4, 1983. Turnover £35.24m (£30.53m). Pretax profits £2.12m (£3.33m). Total dividend 4p (3.75p). After the flotation of Reuters, the company's investment in the Press Association and Reuters Holdings' "B" shares is estimated to be worth £7.1m, after allowing for capital gains tax. To reduce the cost of borrowing, the company has sold in the flotation 1.82 million of the "B" shares at 196p, which will realise an estimated £3.04m after tax; within the next seven days, up to a further 141,052 Reuters' shares may be sold at 196p to realise £235,000 (net), if the US underwriters exercise their options.

● **UNIFLEX HOLDINGS:** Company plans to raise about £1.1m, before expenses, by a one-for-one rights issue of 2.43 million shares at 45p each and proposes to change its name to Hunter.

● **MCCORQUODALE:** Half-year to March 31, 1984. Comparisons restated. Sales £57.36m (£55.78m). Pretax profit £3.07m (£3.5m). Interim divident 2p (£1.84p, adjusted).

● **HAZLEWOOD FOODS:** Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £35.16m (£30.04m). Pretax profit £3.06m (£2.02m). Total dividend raised from 9.5p to 11.5p. EPS 38.9p (26.7p).

● **CAPITAL GEARING TRUST:** Year to April 5, 1984. Pretax loss £9,000 (£15,000 loss). Dividend 0.35p (0.25p). One-for-one scrip issue proposed.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Bid talk lifts CU shares

By Derek Pain and Michael Clark

Expect news of a dawn raid on shares of Britain's biggest insurance group, **Commercial Union**, when dealings resume this morning.

At least, that was the word in the market yesterday as shares of the composite rose another 5p to 214p for a two-day gain of 16p, on hopes that the German insurance group **Allianz** was preparing to make a bid.

Jobbers will be keeping a close eye on Allianz's stockbroker, Rowe & Pitman, before the market opens and will be prepared to hoist the price sharply higher at the first sign of a raid.

But round at CU's headquarters they were keeping calm about becoming the German groups next takeover target after its abortive bid for Eagle Star last year. A spokesman said: "We've heard a lot of these rumours before. If we knew of any reasons for the activity in the share price we would have to notify the Stock Exchange". Allianz remained unavailable for comment.

At last night's close CU is valued at more than £880m and the recent amount of heavy speculative support has been responsible for the renewed strength in the share price. Several brokers claim the shares are overvalued and both Wood Mackenzie and Grieveson Grant have recommended that clients should switch into other composites like **Royal**. CU has met heavy losses on its American side and this has also led to speculation that the group may be prepared to sell its interests.

Shares of Leisuretime International surged 9p to a new high of 75p yesterday – for a two-day rise of 16p – on hopes of good news shortly. The word is that Kennedy Brookes, the Mario & France to Wheelers restaurant chain with a near 7 per cent stake, is getting closer to the company and will soon obtain board representation.

The rest of the insurance composites enjoyed selective support with **General Accident** up 5p at 456p, **Guardian Royal** 2p at 565p, **London United Investments** 8p at 216p, **Royal Insurance** 5p at 565p and **Sun Life** 3p at 363p.

Elsewhere, a better than expected set of money supply figures helped the equity market overcome a cautious start to trading and allayed fears that a 1 per cent rise in interest rates would be announced today.

In the event, the FT Index, having been 9.2 down earlier in the day, rallied to close only 3.2 lower at 840.1. The index is still nearly 40 points up on the week, but may be set to open lower again today after a nervous start to trading on Wall Street overnight. The FT-SE 100 also ended a net 0.2 down on the day at 1077.8.

The ¾ per cent increase in money supply was also good news for gilts which continued to enjoy their recent re-rating. Prices in longs recovered an early £¼ to close up to £⅜ higher with the FT Government Securities Index rising 0.17 to 79.51. Dealers reported that the issue of an extra £600m of top stock earlier in the week had made little difference to sentiment.

The threat of a new offensive by Iran in the Gulf war lent renewed impetus to oil shares as the number of countries complaining about a reduction in supplies as a result of the fighting began to grow.

BP, spurted 7p to 514p, **Shell** a similar amount to 678, **London & Scottish** 2p to 303p, **Britoil** 5p to 255p, **Burmah** 1p to 172p, and **Imperial Continental Gas** 5p to 315p.

Leading equities failed to gain much inspiration from the pressure taken off interest rates, with investors casting a cautious eye over renewed selling in New York. **ICI** dipped 6p to 572p, **Bowater Corp** 4p to 258p, **BOC Group** 8p to 258p and **Beecham** 325p.

Newcomer **Reuters** has enjoyed better support in London than it has met with in New York, but yesterday encountered profit-taking as the price slipped 5p to 208p. This compared with the 196p the shares were struck at on Monday.

Another planned transatlantic share float has come adrift. **Low and Bonar**, the engineering to textile group, has shelved its plans to sell 35 per cent of its Canadian off-shoot to local investors because of conditions on the Toronto stock exchange. Last week, the **Cadbury Schweppes** soft drink and sweets group dropped its plans for a US quote.

Low and Bonar says that it will continue with its Canadian plan when market conditions improve. With all the documentation completed, the second attempt should not take too long, it says. The shares fell 8p to 196p on the setback.

Trident TV, the leisure group, has achieved interim profits of £5,235,000 against £3,738,000. Dividend is 1.7p (1.5p). "A" shares rose 2p to 141p.

Lorlin, the switches group, intends to pay a maiden interim dividend. It says current profits are running "significantly" ahead of last year. The shares rose 3p to 174p.

The denial by the Federal Reserve Board of America that it was prepared to bail-out those US commercial banks with doubtful Third World loans caused the British clearing banks some problems. Monday's gains of up to 15p were wiped-out by losses yesterday. **Barclays** dropped 5p to 464p, **Lloyds**, with extensive Latin-American loans, fell 12p to 527p. **NatWest** dropped 15p to 564p and **Midland** fell 10p to 327p.

An exception was **Grindlays Bank**. Revived takeover talk enabled its shares to hold steady at 162p after a 28p gain Monday.

The talk suggested that **American Citibank** will increase its 48 per cent stake in Grindlays name for its British retail operations. So far, Citibank's Money Centres are said not to have proved as profitable of successful as the Americans had hoped. Indeed, there was speculation that Citibank might rein back some of its Money Centre operations.

The problems for the Americans is that the archly-conservative British shopper has not responded well to the Money Centre opproach. So Grindlays' name could provide a viable alternative and provide Citibank with a useful British partner for the Vickers da Costa deal, completed on Monday, coincidentally. Citibank had made no secret of its acquisition plans in Britain and has often said that, "all options are open."

Belhaven Brewery, now run by the Virani family, rose 1p to 34p after it announced profits of £405,000 (£156,000). No dividend is being paid. The company has fixed up a deal with the Imperial Group to distribute the beers of its Courage off-shoot in Scotland. Belhaven is also buying certain Courage assets in Scotland in exchange for cash and shares.

There are new whispers of a bid for Mr Harold King's United Guarantee Holdings, the fuel distribution group, where the shares continue to hover around the year's low of 40p. Mr King is said to be willing to part with his near 30 per cent stake, leaving the way open for a likely suitor. The favourite among contenders is BP with its large number of petrol stations.

British Car Auction was unchanged at 103p as terms of the already signalled merger of its two US operations, Anglo American Car Auctions and the quoted Sandgate Corporation were announced.

On the USM, **Hartons**, the plastics group, jumped 5p to 50p after Mr Max Mainmann, chairman, told shareholders that first half profits will "show a considerable improvement" over last year's corresponding figures.

The fashion group **Raybeck** was unchanged at 41p on its deal to run United Kingdom franchise outlets for **Benetton Spa**, the Italian group. Another fashion group, **Helene of London**, was unchanged at 22p after Mr Monty Burkeman, chairman, had forecast "a further increase in profits".

Shares of **Hanover Investments (Holdings)** were up by 7p to 150p on news of an increase in pretax profits to £453,000 in the year to February 29, against pretax profits of £141,000 for the previous year.

TEMPUS

Reed makes comeback with 58% rise in profit

The City's heart is warming again to Reed International which has had an impressive boardroom line up for some time but has not matched it with equally strong figures.

However, yesterday the group delivered a 58 per cent increase in pretax profits to £96.4m. This is not quite up to the record days of 1980, but the quality of earnings is improving. The group is concentrating on publishing rather than packaging and money-making provincial newspapers rather than cash-hungry nationals.

The share price responded with a 22p jump to 432p.

More than half the profits have come from overseas where Reed has between a quarter and a third of its assets. At the trading level, group profits reached a record and a turn-round from £10m losses to £3m profits in decorative products allowed a boast that it now has no big lossmakers.

However, it has a few small ones. In the Mirror Group stable the *Sporting Life* and *The Sunday People* lost money and profits fell from £8.1m to £5.7m. The contribution of the group's Scottish newspapers stopped any further decline.

It will not be Reed's worry for much longer. The date for the flotation of the six-newspaper Mirror Group looks likely to be next month.

Reed has had to shift ground here. Problems, still unresolved, of exactly what kind of shape the Mirror will take have delayed the issue beyond this month and Reed now says it will be floated "before September".

Reed has one other problem area: North American Paper, whose trading profit halved from £12.9m to £6.3m. But it has spent £25m last year on the Quebec Mill and is confident that firming newsprint prices this year and a reduction in overcapacity should lift its contribution in the current year.

The rest of its operations have all topped the previous year's figures. Publishing was up by 43 per cent.

Net debt was unchanged at £189m, giving a 36 per cent gearing. That was after £81m on capital spending and £22m on acquisitions, which contributed £10m to the total profits. Expect further acquisitions this year.

At last night's closing price of 432p, the price-earnings ratio of around 7.5 is not demanding and profits this year should see records at the pretax level.

Hanson Trust

The shares of Hanson Trust have outperformed the rest of the stock market for so long that it must be tempting for any investor to take profits. But the group's half-year figures accompanied by the characteristically bullish statement about "excellent" prospects, suggest that once more precisely the opposite reaction is called for.

Pretax profits are up 90 per cent from £33.9m to £64.4m, helped by a £12m first-time contribution from Allders, the remnants of the UDS stores empire which the group acquired last year.

Economic recovery in Britain and the United States helped virtually all the group's wide spread industrial companies achieve higher profits. Singled out for special attention are the Ever Ready batteries business which is sponsoring today's Derby, Butterfly Building Materials, and Smith Meters in Britain, and, in the United States, the Endicott Johnson shoe company.

The group's half-year balance sheet shows net gearing at a manageable 37 per cent and although since then the ratio has undoubtedly been boosted by the £385m purchase of US Industries, Hanson is still left with considerable flexibility for taking advantage of further acquisition opportunities.

Hanson has no plans for disposing of any of US Industries' constituent parts, but over the coming months it can be expected to adopt a vigorous "hands on" approach to the management of its latest prey and it would not be surprising if it decided to restore the balance sheet to former strengths with a few significant sales of businesses which do not look like shaping up to the group's demanding 25 per cent return on capital target.

Besides five months of profits from US Industries, Hanson's second-half will also benefit from a full six-month contribution from London Brick, making group profits of about £150m, against £91.1m before tax, look possible.

This would leave the shares – down 10p at 220p yesterday – on a multiple of about 17 and a yield of 2.8 per cent. For the sort of compound growth rate that Hanson should achieve over the years ahead, the shares continue to represent good value.

De La Rue

The world debt crisis may be the cause of some concern for the banks but it is posing no problems for De La Rue. As printers of bank notes for over 80 countries around the world, including many in the Third World, it is exposed to the volatility of international economies but it has avoided the bad debt problems which have hit many traders.

The group's currency division had a good year and was one of the better performers in its security operations. Both Security Express and De La Rue Systems produced disappointing performances and overall the security business saw profits before interest drop from £26.3m to £22.5m.

Had it not been for a remarkable recovery by the Crosfield Electronics division the group would have struggled to maintain last year's pre-tax profits of £31.6m. The turnround at Crosfield which turned a trading loss of £5.8m into a profit of £5.5m was enough to increase pretax profits for the year to £37.4m.

The recovery at Crosfield outstripped even the most optimistic expectations. The interim performance was not just sustained but substantially improved and with a track record for its products now established the growth should be maintained in future. Another encouraging aspect of De La Rue's business has been the performance of Farady, the credit and plastic card company, which was acquired last year.

Yesterday the share price fluctuated as usual with the announcement of results and ended 10p up at 625p. The yield is under 6 per cent but the shares are worth closer examination.

MONEY MARKETS

Period rates came done as much as a quarter of a percentage point on the day though closing levels were sometimes a shade off the bottom.

Early buying of sterling certificates of deposit concentrated on the area six months to one year, though this lasted only for about an hour before operators withdrew to await the money supply figures. On the news, "threes" were dealt at 9⅜ per cent, "sixes" at 9¹¹⁄₁₆ per cent and "twelves" at 9⅞.

Interbank overnight money mostly traded at 9¼ – 9 per cent mostly, though late business saw the rate touch 10 – 9 per cent briefly.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

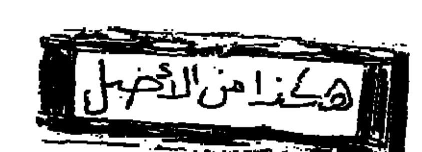
Now that any hope of a rise in interest rates has been virtually extinguished, and after indications of the less than feared rise in Britain money supply, sterling lost ground to the dollar on relatively quiet foreign exchange markets yesterday.

At the close the pound retreated 70 points to 1.3940 against the dollar, but significantly its trade-weighted index was at its lowest level since March 30 last year at the closing figure of 79.3 (79.5 overnight).

The pound however, still showed a gain at the expense of the Deutsche mark at 3.7370 (3.1200).

The dollar in the meantime, gained support from fears that there may be an escalation in the Gulf war conflict.

Monday's higher federal fund rates helped the dollar initially but a reversal in this trend yesterday trimmed the dollar's best rises during the mid-session.



Economic commentary by Tim Congdon

The summit's pointer to trade

The main purpose of the annual seven-nation economic summits is to give reassurance that political leaders are idealists at heart. This may seem to be a trivial exercise, but it is not. Anyone who thinks the London summit is a waste of time should compare the way international relations are conducted in the 1980s with the way they were misconducted in the 1930s.

The high-sounding platitudes which appear in every final communique do serve a function. The leader of a participating country which disregards them too blatantly is liable to become the black sheep of the next meeting. This is a meaningful sanction: a successful politician hates nothing more than being snubbed by his counterparts from other nations.

But, if relations between the Western nations are more harmonious now than in the 1930s, it is not clear that they are better than in the 1950s and 1960s. In particular, trade disputes are much more frequent and acrimonious than 20 or 30 years ago. This must be a disappointment to the summit leader since on every occasion they have agreed that protectionism should be checked. A sense of failure in this area may have motivated Mrs Thatcher's apparent endorsement of a new round of talks under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), perhaps to be held in 1986.

The US and Japan have been in favour of such talks for some time, but the European countries have been sceptical and Britain's position has been that preparatory discussions are needed to create a consensus ahead of negotiations at ministerial level. The fear was that, without a previously agreed consensus, negotiations could be a fiasco. This reservation now seems to have been put to one side.

The key issue in any forthcoming round will have to be the so-called "new protectionism", the restriction of trade by a variety of non-tariff measures, often agreed bilaterally, such as voluntary export restraints (VERs) and orderly marketing arrangements (OMAs). These measures are contrary to the Gatt which states that trade relations should be multilateral and non-discriminatory, and which prefers tariffs to other forms of protectionism. As Japan has been the main victim of the new protectionism, it has an obvious interest in the resumption of trade liberalization.

Where, then, is the most important opposition to freer trade? Which countries are most articulate in their objections? And why has there been such a deterioration in trade relations since the 1950s when six major tariff-cutting conferences were organized under the Gatt.

The answer to these questions is to be sought largely in the decline of American and British economic power in the last 40 years. The Gatt was one by-product of the Bretton Woods conference held in 1944. Although there were 22 signatories, it was essentially the result of negotiations between two countries, the United States and Britain.

Both were broadly committed to a liberal international trading order based on rules. This was particularly true of the United States which used Marshall Aid as a lever to persuade the European countries to end bilateralism and accept a multilateral, rule-governed trading system. It should be said, in qualification, that the United States blemished its record by insisting on protection in agricultural products and Britain by trying to maintain Commonwealth preferences.

SHARES IN DEVELOPED COUNTRY TRADE

1950: EEC (original six) 26.0% · USA · 40.9% · Japan · UK · OTHERS 33.1% · Total trade $79 billion

1980: USA · 26.2% · UK · EEC 40.4% · Japan · OTHERS 33.4% · Total trade $2,700 billion

Britain's accession to the EEC was symptomatic of a more general shift. The EEC has come to hold as dominant a position in trade as US and Britain enjoyed after the war. The original six members account for about 40 per cent of developed market economies' trade, a proportion similar to that of the US and Britain combined in 1950. If the four late entrants are included, the EEC's share is more than 50 per cent.

Clearly, a new round of trade talks will be futile unless they have the blessing and support of the EEC countries. Here is the central stumbling block. Whereas in the late 1940s and 1950s the US and Britain were generally sympathetic to trade liberalization and the Americans had the bargaining clout to push through substantial tariff reductions, the attitude of the major European nations today is far more ambivalent.

The French seem to have reverted to their traditional mercantilism, with the Poitiers go-slow on Japanese video recorder imports the most notorious example; the Germans have long been determined protagonists of free trade in manufactured products and equally determined antagonists of free trade in services; the British have in recent years made all the right noises and done all the wrong things, introducing numerous quota restrictions with the permission of the European Commission; and the Italians are still behaving like Italians.

Quite apart from the protectionist peccadilloes of all the European governments individually, there is a fundamental difficulty in bringing them together. In principle, the EEC has a common commercial policy which is bringing on every member state. If progress is to be made at a round of Gatt talks, the EEC countries must reach an agreed, unanimous position among themselves beforehand and then maintain that solidarity during the talks.

This is asking for a degree of self-restraint which few trade ministers, and even fewer of their political masters, can tolerate. Indeed, the unwieldiness of the EEC has become one of the biggest problems in international trade policy. Even if all the member states were enthusiastic about scrapping VERs and OMAs, phasing out the Common Agricultural Policy and renewing the benign process of trade liberalization, they would have difficulty agreeing about the right approach in negotiations with the Americans and Japanese.

What can be gained, therefore, by another round of trade talks? Why has Mrs Thatcher changed her mind about their potential value? There is at least a possibility that the Government views new talks as a means for putting pressure on its European partners for liberalization within the EEC as well as outside it. At worst, reluctance by the French, Germans and Italians to participate in a fresh Gatt round would expose them as the protectionists they claim not to have become.

Ironically, the Americans and British have changed roles completely since the initial bargaining of the late 1940s. The US, which at first pressed hard for restrictions to placate its domestic farm lobby, now advocates open, unsubsidized international competition in temperate foodstuffs; and the British, who abandoned Commonwealth preferences when they joined the EEC, would be happy if American efforts in the Gatt could undermine the worst excesses of the Common Agricultural Policy.

The message must be that hopes for a more liberal international trading system will be disappointed unless there is a radical change of attitude by the European countries. The London summit could do some good if it forces them to rethink – and even perhaps to modify – their opposition to further moves towards free trade.

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WALL STREET

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Chrysler	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Colgate	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Comwlth Edison	[illegible]	24
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Cons Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Crown Zeller	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Digital Equip	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	29	[illegible]
Dresser Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	42	[illegible]
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Evans P. D.	[illegible]	5
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]

	June 4	June 1
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Intrst Bncp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]
GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	47	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Motors	64	[illegible]
Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesco	7	7
Georgia Pacific	[illegible]	19
Gillette	46	[illegible]
Goodrich	[illegible]	29
Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt Atl&Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greyhound	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grumman Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf & West	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz H. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	[illegible]	30
Honeywell	[illegible]	51
IC Inds	[illegible]	44
Ingersoll	41	41
Inland Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
IBM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Int Harvester	[illegible]	[illegible]
INCO	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Int Tel Tel	[illegible]	35
Irving Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jewel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jim Walter	[illegible]	23
Johnson & John	31	31
Kaiser Alumin	[illegible]	15
Kerr McGee	[illegible]	32
Kimberly Clark	[illegible]	[illegible]
K Mart	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kroger	[illegible]	30
L.T.V. Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Litton	[illegible]	71
Lockheed	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lucky Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Manville Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mapco	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Martin Marietta	[illegible]	33
McDonnell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mead	[illegible]	[illegible]
Merck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnesota Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobil Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]
NCR Corp	[illegible]	28
NL Industries	15	[illegible]
Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Distillers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Med Ent	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk South	[illegible]	53
NW Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]
Olin Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Gas Elec	14	[illegible]
Pan Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penney J. C.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]

	June 4	June 1
PPG Ind	27	[illegible]
Proctor Gamble	51	[illegible]
Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
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SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Trans	[illegible]	37
Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smithkline Beck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sony	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Sperry Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Califnia	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Indiana	[illegible]	[illegible]
Std Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stevens J. P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Comp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
TWA	[illegible]	[illegible]
Travelers Corp	[illegible]	28
TRW Inc	61	[illegible]
UAL Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carbide	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil Calif	36	[illegible]
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Utd Technol	[illegible]	62
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Warner Comms	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	31	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Westnghse Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weyerhauser	27	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	37
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp	38	[illegible]
Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

	June 4	June 1
Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algoma Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Bathurst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawker/Sid Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imperial Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Mass.-Ferguson	4	4
Royal Trustco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thomson N 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker Hiram	[illegible]	[illegible]
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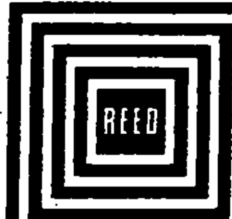

Reed International P.L.C.

Preliminary Results for Year Ended 1 April 1984

Trading Results

Group turnover increased by 13% to £2043m (1983: £1809m).

Pre-tax profit increased by 58% to £96.4m (1983: £60.9m).

Historical trading profit after exceptional charges increased by 46% to £112.7m (1983: £77.4m). Current cost trading profit increased by 76% to £66.6m (1983: £37.8m).

Rationalisation costs and provisions totalled £10m (1983: £15m) with redundancies in Packaging, Printing and Publishing, Transport and Paint.

The historical trading profit was the highest ever achieved. For the first time in several years, the Company had no major loss-making activities.

In the UK, trading conditions have not shown any marked uplift and markets for the Company's products have remained highly competitive. Despite this, the benefits of investment and rationalisation over a number of years have resulted in UK historical operating profit increasing by 29% to £73.3m (1983: £56.7m).

Overseas operating profit virtually doubled to £42.1m (1983: £21.7m). Cahners Publishing in the USA continued to expand and lifted profit by over 70%. Decorative Products in Canada and the USA recovered from substantial losses to profitability. The Quebec mill suffered a further fall in earnings from depressed newsprint prices, although a high level of output was maintained.

£ million	1984 Sales	1984 Trading Profit	1983 Sales	1983 Trading Profit
Reed Publishing	423	40.3	326	28.1
Consumer Publishing	223	16.0	241	11.5
Reed Building Products	182	13.0	151	8.2
Paint and DIY	183	11.8	170	9.6
Decorative Products	105	3.0	101	(10.0)
Packaging	302	15.0	280	14.5
Reed Trading	171	5.6	151	2.1
European Paper	174	3.0	168	0.1
North American Paper	176	6.3	146	12.9
Mirror Group Newspapers	277	5.7	263	8.1
Central Costs		(7.0)		(7.7)
Inter-Company Sales	(173)		(188)	
	2,043	112.7	1,809	77.4

Operating Group Review

Reed Publishing. Trading Profit increased by 43%. This was a satisfactory performance as depressed conditions persisted in many markets particularly those for UK business journals. Over half the profit was generated overseas with Cahners Publishing having an outstanding year. The group expanded its activities with the acquistion of Fischer Medical Publishing in the USA and since the year-end has acquired 'Interior Design' and 'Corporate Design' for £28m. The group's three exhibition companies which make it the world's largest exhibition organiser had a very successful year with record profits. Two of the local newspaper groups made encouraging progress but further reorganisation was necessary at Berrows.

Consumer Publishing. Market conditions continued to be very difficult throughout the year with lower advertisement revenues in magazines and outdoor advertising. However, as a result of an excellent performance by the Hamlyn books division together with lower production and overhead costs, the trading profit increased. Since the year-end, agreement has been reached for the sale of London and Provincial Posters which had a disappointing year.

Reed Building Products, in difficult market conditions, again achieved good results in the UK and further expanded plastic moulding activities by acquiring Rolinx Ltd. Following rationalisation of ceramic production in Holland, Sphinx returned to profit. The group is one of Europe's leading building products manufacturers and exports over 26% of its products outside Europe.

Paint and DIY. Polycell had a successful year in the UK and Europe. Roman Adhesives Inc, a DIY company, was acquired in the USA. Crown Paints met strong competition in UK decorative paint and margins fell; other Crown products achieved satisfactory results. The overseas paint businesses performed well with improved profits.

Decorative Products returned to profit after a number of years of heavy losses. It benefitted from the major restructuring of previous years, improved demand, increased efficiency and the introduction of new products and designs. Sanderson and Crown Wallcoverings in the UK and Sunworthy Wallcoverings in Canada all contributed to the improved results.

Packaging. Although there was a slight recovery in demand in most markets, price competition remained intense. In addition, the high value of the US dollar adversely affected raw material costs in the corrugated case operations. The improvement in trading profit was after providing £4 million (1983: £1m) for redundancy costs. The Group extended its involvement in the important plastic packaging market by the acquisition of Superfos Packaging (UK) Ltd which produces a wide range of injection moulded rigid containers.

Reed Trading achieved enhanced profit from the Spicers office supplies and stationery business. Spicer-Cowan, paper merchants, and Maybanks, waste paper merchants, returned to profitability in competitive conditions. Reed Carbonless Papers had a difficult trading year and despite production improvements incurred a small loss.

European Paper. Demand for paper and board recovered strongly during the year, but the costs of wood pulp and heavy fuel oil rose sharply depressing margins. Tovil Mill was closed, the cost of £4m having been charged in 1983.

North American Paper. A major capital expenditure programme at the Quebec Mill is to be completed in 1986. It will ensure that the mill continues as one of the most efficient newsprint producers in North America. Although newsprint volume was maintained, prices were depressed and profit fell significantly. Improved profits were achieved by the chemical and flexible packaging operations.

Mirror Group Newspapers. The National newspapers achieved gains in circulation, ending the decline of recent years, and the reduction in profit was largely caused by industrial disputes unrelated to the Company's activities. The Scottish papers had a good year with record circulations. A dividend of £0.8m was received on the investment in Reuters. Since the year-end, 27% of the holding of Reuters B Ordinary Shares have been sold for £11m.

PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED PROFIT STATEMENT
for the 52 weeks to 1 April 1984

	Historical Cost Year Ended 1.4.84	Historical Cost Year Ended 3.4.83	Current Cost Year Ended 1.4.84	Current Cost Year Ended 3.4.83
	£ million		£ million	
Turnover				
United Kingdom and Exports	1474.0	1344.1	1474.0	1344.1
Overseas	569.0	464.9	569.0	464.9
	2043.0	1809.0	2043.0	1809.0
Trading Profit before Exceptional Items	122.7	92.0	76.9	52.9
Exceptional Items	(10.0)	(14.6)	(10.3)	(15.1)
Share of Profits/(Losses) of Related Companies	2.7	1.0	1.5	(0.1)
Operating Profit				
United Kingdom	73.3	56.7	41.9	32.2
Overseas	42.1	21.7	26.2	5.5
	115.4	78.4	68.1	37.7
Gearing Adjustment	—	—	8.7	7.1
Interest	(19.0)	(17.5)	(19.0)	(17.5)
Profit before Taxation	96.4	60.9	57.8	27.3
Taxation				
United Kingdom	(18.3)	(14.9)	(18.3)	(14.9)
Overseas	(9.4)	(6.0)	(9.4)	(6.0)
	(27.7)	(20.9)	(27.7)	(20.9)
Profit after Taxation	68.7	40.0	30.1	6.4
Outside Shareholders' Interests	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Preference Dividends	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Profit before Extraordinary Item	68.2	39.5	29.7	6.0
Extraordinary Item	—	(18.7)	—	(18.7)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	68.2	20.8	29.7	(12.7)
Ordinary Dividends paid and proposed 1984: 16½p per share (1983: 14p per share)	(19.5)	(16.5)	(19.5)	(16.5)
Profit/(Loss) Retained	48.7	4.3	10.2	(29.2)
Earnings per Ordinary Share	57.7p	33.5p	25.2p	5.1p

The figures for the 52 weeks to 1 April 1984 are abridged from the Group's full accounts for that period, which have received an unqualified auditors' report and will be filed with the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting.

REED INTERNATIONAL publishes 700 million copies annually of 270 *magazines, business* and *technical journals, directories, travel guides* and *publications for children,* as well as *Hamlyn* general interest books and *Butterworth* legal, technical, medical and scientific books · Organises more *exhibitions* worldwide than anyone else · Includes such famous household names as *Crown Paints* and *Crown Wallcoverings. Polycell, Sanderson, Sphinx* tiles, *Twyfords* ceramic sanitaryware and baths, *Mira* showers and *Key Terrain* waste systems · Produces 100 million *thermoplastic injection mouldings* for British industry every year · Manufactures one in five of Britain's *corrugated cases* and one in five of its *envelopes* · Makes nearly 5 million *paper sacks* per week · Converts board into 80 million *cartons* each week · Buys more *waste paper* than anyone else in Britain · Produces one out of every six tonnes of *paper* and *board* manufactured in the UK
And much more besides.

Finance

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

£ million	1.4.84	3.4.83
Funds Invested		
Shareholders' Funds	647	597
Outside Shareholders' Interests	4	4
Loan Capital	171	190
Historical Cost Total	822	791
CCA Adjustments	165	163
Current Cost Total	987	954
Funds Employed		
Properties and Plant	456	429
Investments	17	20
Goodwill	113	98
Working Capital	254	242
Cash (less Bank Loans)	(18)	2
Historical Cost Total	822	791
CCA Adjustments	165	163
Current Cost Total	987	954

Cash flow from operations after all financing costs was £11m (1983: £24m).

Net debt at £189m was virtually unchanged after capital expenditure of £81m (1983: £71m) and acquisitions of £22m (1983: £42m). The Debt/Equity ratio fell to 36% (1983: 38%).

Taxation

Capital allowances on high capital expenditure, continued stock relief and the recovery of £2m ACT written-off in previous years reduced the effective rate of UK taxation to 34% (1983: 41%). Overseas, capital allowances in Canada and the remaining brought forward losses in the USA have kept the overall rate down to 23% (1983: 25%).

The changes proposed in the 1984 Finance Bill will not necessitate any additional provision for deferred tax.

Earnings and Dividends

Profit attributable to shareholders was Historical £68m (1983: £40m) and Current Cost £30m (1983: £6m) resulting in Earnings per Share of Historical 57.7p (1983: 33.5p) and Current Cost 25.2p (1983: 5.1p).

The Board has decided to recommend a final dividend of 11½p per Ordinary Share making, together with the interim dividend of 5p already paid, a total of 16½p for the year (1983: 14p) and an increase of 18%.

Subject to the approval of the AGM which will be held on 24 July 1984, the final dividend will be paid on 14 August 1984 to shareholders on the register on 6 July 1984.

Future Reporting

With the development of the Operating Group structure, the Board has decided it is appropriate to include a more detailed review of the Company's activities with the Preliminary and Interim Reports and that the practice of issuing quarterly statements should be discontinued.

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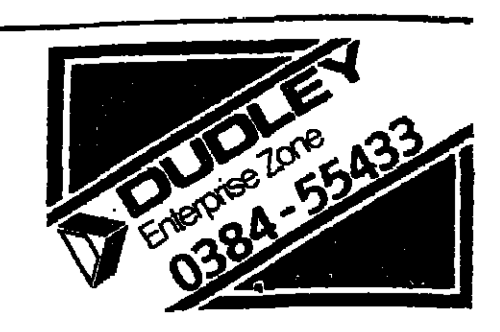
STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Rally at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, June 4, Dealings End, June 15. § Contango Day, June 18. Settlement Day, June 25
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.



BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

1983/84 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
102⅞	100⅝	Treas	12%	1984	100⅝	..	11.933	9.700
107⅞	103¾	Treas	15%	1985	103¾		14.546	10.220
107	101	Exch Cv	12%	1985	101		11.859	10.338
95	88¾	Treas	3%	1985	94½		3.179	9.297
103	99½	Treas	11½%	1985	100¾		11.414	10.700
102	95½	Treas C	8¾%	1985	97	..	8.969	10.846
104	100⅝	Exch	12¼%	1985	101⅝	..	12.054	10.970
103	99¼	Exch	11¾%	1986	100⅞	..	11.649	11.133
102¼	97	Treas C	10%	1986	98½	+⅛	10.152	10.902
90¼	85¾	Treas	3%	1986	88⅞	..	3.375	9.379
103	97¼	Exch C	10½%	1986	99⅜	..	10.565	10.895
104¼	100	Treas	12%	1986	101½	•+⅛	11.823	11.150
99⅞	94½	Treas	8¼%	1984-86	95⅞	•-1/16	8.880	10.909
87½	84½	Exch	2½%	1986	85⅝	..	2.926	9.357
109½	104¾	Exch	14%	1986	105	-1/16	13.276	11.320
107⅞	103¾	Exch	13¼%	1987	103	+1/16	12.764	11.496
100⅝	95⅞	Treas C	10¼%	1987	97⅛	+⅛	10.553	11.503
86½	80¼	Exch	2½%	1987	83⅜	..	2.999	9.588
101	95¼	Exch	10½%	1987	97⅞	+⅛	10.728	11.385
93	88	Fund	6½%	1985-87	88⅝	..	7.334	11.197
99⅝	95⅞	Treas	10%	1987	96½	• ..	10.376	11.457
85	80⅞	Treas	3%	1987	81¾	..	3.670	9.886
105	99⅞	Treas	12%	1987	101⅜	+⅛	11.838	11.478
95	89¼	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	89½	..	8.659	11.340
101⅜	95	Exch	10½%	1988	96⅞	+⅛	10.839	11.497
106	98⅞	Treas IL	2%	1988	103	..	..	5.058
99½	92	Treas C	9¾%	1988	94¼	• ..	10.345	11.574
82	75¾	Trans	3%	1978-88	77½	• ..	3.871	9.844
93	91	Treas	9½%	1988	92⅞	+1/16	10.229	11.603

MEDIUMS

LONGS

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

C — E

F — H

I — N

O — S

T — Z

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

SHIPPING

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

PLANTATIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

UNLISTED SECURITIES

RECENT ISSUES

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9-9¼%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

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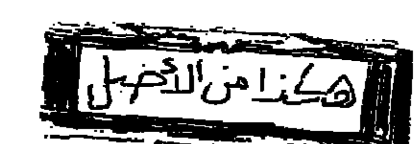

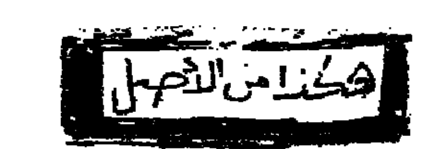

Accountants bar publicity

By Ian Griffiths

The English Institute of Chartered Accountants has rejected a suggestion that it should embark on a nationwide corporate advertising campaign. At yesterday's annual meeting a motion urging consideration of a three-year trial campaign was substantially defeated.

The motion was proposed by Mr Norman Thonas, a member of a small accountancy practice in South Wales. He and many other small practitioners are concerned about the increasing competition accountants are facing from financial institutions for the provision of financial services. They argued that an advertising campaign would enhance the standing of accountants and demonstrate their skills to the public.

The question of advertising is under review by the institute's council and it is expected to announce a relaxation of the rules which restrict practising accountants' advertising and publicity activities. However, the motion before yesterday's meeting also proposed that a final decision on advertising policy be deferred.

It was this delay that posed the main stumbling block to the motion. Members were reminded that both the Government and the Office of Fair Trading is keen to see a liberalization of the advertising rules and that any delay could result in statutory intervention to force a relaxation.

Mr Tim Smith, an accountant and Tory MP for Beaconsfield, told the meeting: "We cannot ignore the political implications. The Govenrment is determined to promote competition."

British call to end curbs on services

By John Lawless

Britain has submitted a comprehensive study of its international trade in services to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which it hopes will eventually lead to a dismantling of barriers against invisible exports.

Mr Paul Channon, the Minister for Trade, who announced this yesterday said: "Our first priority is to secure genuine liberalization of trade in services with the European community. I am determined to achieve a real Common Market in services, as well as goods, in accordance with the objectives of the Treaty of Rome.

"But we also welcome the start of work in the wider forum of Gatt."

With net earnings by the private sector – excluding interest, profits and dividends from abroad – rising to more than £5m last year, Britain has been one of the countries pushing hardest for a freeing of the services business worldwide.

Its ambitions, however, are likely to run into a wall of apathy on the part of protectionist developed countries when Gatt's 90 signatories meet to discuss the document, and other national studies, in November. It will also be up against considerable unease from Third World countries that they have much more to lose from the establishment of any "Gatt in Services".

Nobody was under any illusions that such a framework could be agreed at the Gatt meeting. The liberalization lobby, however, will be seriously disappointed that, so far, only three national studies of trade services have been sent in to the Gatt headquarters in Geneva. Besides Britain the US and Canada have also sent in their studies.

Gatt, which is struggling to fulfil its present writ, to regulate trade in goods – in spite of commitments from Western leaders at the Williamsburg summit to "roll back" protectionism – has no powers to force governments to carry out surveys of invisibles. It does not know exactly how many other studies are likely to be received before November.

It is likely, for example, that West Germany will be reluctant to ease restrictions which have kept British insurance companies from freely operating in its market. That is regarded as one of the most blatant barriers.

APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer steps up at Shell International

Shell International Petroleum: **Mr D. R. Welham**, group treasurer, has been made a director.

British Car Auctions: Mr **Fabian Hine** has become a director. He will continue to head BCA's Farnborough, Hants, branch and will also have responsibility for the new Blackbushe complex, which will be opened next year.

Pinsent & Co: **Mr C. Sean Lippell** has been taken into partnership.

Code of Advertising Practice Committee: Mr **Anthony Bracking** has been appointed vice-chairman and chairman-elect of the committee for four years.

Equity & Law Group: Mr **John Smith**, chief investment manager, has been elected a director. Following Mr Norman Benz's retirement from the board and from the boards of three subsidiary companies, the following changes have been made: Equity & Law (Managed Funds): Mr **Martin Harris**) (deputy chairmain of the parent company) has become a director. Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers: Mr **Michael Burns** (general manager and director of the parent) has become chairman. Mr **Gordon Price** (an investment manager) has been elected a director. The Law Reversionary Interest Society: Mr Burns has been appointed chairman. Mr **John Chatterton** (secretary of the company and a deputy actuary of the parent) has been elected a director.

Ricardo Consulting Engineers: **Dr D. H. C. Taylor** has been made managing director in place of Mr D. Downs who remains chairman. **Mr G. H. Harker** has been appointed finance director, but will continue as secretary to the company. **Mr M. T. Overington** has joined the board. **Mr C. C. J. French** has succeeded Mr Downs as chairman of the subsidiary G. Cussons.

M & R-Martini & Rossi: Mr **A. S. Hill** has joined the board as communication director, responsible for the development of advertising and marketing policies for the British company.

Mercantoil: **Mr J. M. Brady** has become financial director.

Gilbert Eliott & Company: **Mr E. r. Corben** will be resigning from the partnership on June 30 and **Mr R. S. Derbyshire** will be joining it on July 1. Mr Corben will remain associated with the firm.

Maynards: **Mr David Bradford** has joined the board. Mr Bradford, chief executive, maunfacturing division, will continue to take responsibility for the division.

Ocean Marine Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association: **Mr L. A. Watts** has joined the board as chairman.

Coalite Group: **Sir John Sparrow**, a director of Morgan Grenfell Holdings, has rejoined the board of Coalite as a non-executive director.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%; £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

FOOTBALL

England seek oasis that revived them after Revie

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

The last England manager to tour South America finished up a disgraced castaway in the Arabian desert. Even as the opening match was unfolding in the wondrous Maracana Stadium, the biggest in the world, Don Revie was preparing to complete his escape from disillusionment and failure.

A disturbingly familiar pattern was noted last Saturday by Revie's successor, Ron Greenwood. He recalled that, as in 1977, England were humbled by Wales in May and, almost seven years to the day after Scotland's supporters had celebrated victory by tearing down the goalposts and digging up the Wembley turf, they were similarly dismantled by the Soviet Union.

Revie ran away from criticism, but Bobby Robson has refused to flinch, even when a disgruntled spectator threw a pint of beer at him on Saturday. He may have been deeply hurt by the public's reaction (the crowd, astonishingly, started to support the Soviets) but he is sure to be alongside his squad members when the gruelling flight to Rio de Janeiro begins this evening.

Yet he would give all of the riches gained by Revie to come back in a fortnight with the same series of results as England achieved then, and to go on to reach similar heights. After drawing the matches against Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, England were led by Greenwood to the finals of both the European championship in 1980 and the World Cup two years later.

Knowing he will receive no charity in Rio, Montevideo and Santiago, Robson is asking for faith and hope. With one victory in five games this year and with a depletd and alarmingly enexperienced party, that is equivalent to telling a parched traveller lost amid endless sand dunes to expect to find an oasis over the next hill.

One of Revie's main faults was to change his line-up too often. Although withdrawals have forced Robson to make even more alterations (86 in 20 matyches, including the introduction of 26 newcomers) he must keep a settled style if not a settled side. There is only one other dress rehearsal before England set off towards Mexico – against East Germany, at Wembley, in September.

Apart from Shilton, the only other outstanding England internationals are Bryan Robson and Wilkins, who, ludicrously, flew halfway around the world a fortnight ago for the sake of Manchester United's finances. As they have confirmed with their club this season, Wilkins revels in a deep central position and Robson further forward behind the front two.

That is where they should play for their country and the system should be built around them. Since England's most promising talent also lies mostly in midfield, a formation of 4-2-2 would be more appropriate than the wildly adventurous 4-2-4 emploed against Scotland and the Soviets. On tour, Lee and Barnes – if he can be shaken out of his lethargy – must suffice, rather than Hunt and Armstrong.

Next September Robson can bring in more naturally gifted individuals, such as Hoddle or Williams on the right, and Cowans, Devonshire or Rix on the left. Provided they have recovered from their injuries, they would at least step into a structure that is already established rather than one tottering with unfamiliarity, as in France last February.

Duxbury, even though he has been responsible for half of the last six goals to be conceded, and Sansom are the likeliest full backs: they should play in all three matches. As none of England's best centre backs – Butcher, Martin, Wright – are available, Robson has little choice but to continue with Roberts and Fenwick, if not Watson.

The attacking promise remains unfulfilled. In spite of his recent improvement, Blissett still tends to run out of control, and Chamberlain and Walsh are youths of the future as much as Francis who has lost irretrievably his speed, belongs in the past. The alternatives in the present are severely limited.

Woodcock, the only forward other than Mariner to have scored in the last year, seems incessantly troubled by injury, suffering from a pulled hamstring, he was absent last Saturday and Bobby Robson cannot afford to be without him now. The other three central forwards in the party Hateley, Allen, and Stainrod, have 15 minutes full international experience between them.

England open the tour on Sunday afternoon against Brazil in the Maracana. In 1977 the side that gained a goalless draw read: Clemence; Neal, Cherry, Greenhoff, Watson Hughes, Keegan, Francis, Pearson, Wilkins (the lone survivor), Talbot. In 1984 the team sheet should be: Shilton; Duxbury, Roberts, Fenwick, Sansom, Lee, Wilkins, Robson, Barnes Woodcock, Hateley.

Tour fixtures

Sunday, June 10 (Rio de Janeiro): Brazil (9pm BST).

Wednesday, June 13 (Montevideo): Uruguay (11pm BST).

Sunday, June 17 (Santiago): Chile (10pm BST).

Robson: refuses to flinch in face of criticism

Wales will miss key players

Trondheim, Norway (Reuter) – Norway meet Wales for the third time in two years in a friendly international here today. Wales, however, will be without Ian Rush, of Liverpool who is on tour with his club after scoring 49 goals in the season just ended, and Alan Davies and Mark Hughes of Manchester United. Mickey Thomas, Chelsea's midfield player is also injured.

The attack will be led by Hallvar Thoresen, of PSV Eindhoven, and Arne Larsen Oekland, of Racing Paris. The defence will be dominated by Aage Hareide, their captain, who left Norwich City two months ago.

Jago dismissed by QPR

Gordon Jago, who was named as the general manager of Queen's Park Rangers last Tuesday, has been dismissed. Jago had agreed to sign a four-year contract at Loftus Road, with responsibility for running the commercial side and promotion of the Club.

Speaking from Florida yesterday Jago said "I received a five minute telephone call on Monday evening from Mr Gregory. This was followed by a call from his son who stated that he was concerned that my appointment with Queens' Park Rangers would now make it difficult to appoint a top-class team manager and that I could no longer remain with the club.

"I spent a week with Mr Gregory and it had been agreed by both of us that I would not be involved in the playing side of the club."

● Alan Ball was appointed as Portsmouth's manager yesterday and given the task of achieving promotion to the first division within his three-year contract.

Ball, 39, has been caretaker manager since Bobby Campbell was sacked last month. His assistant will be Dave Thomas, the former England winger.

"Alan's sole task is to get us up," John Deacon, the club chairman, said. "It is his job to produce a successful team

● Middlesbrough's new manager, Willie Maddren, has dismissed chief scout Ted Davies.

Shaw will stay at Aston Villa

Gary Shaw, the Aston Villa forward, has ended the doubt about his future by signing a new two-year contract. A number of European clubs were thought to be interested in signing him until injuries forced him to miss much of last season.

Two knee operations restricted him to only 11 League appearances, but he returned to the side during end-of-season friendlies

● Gillingham have signed Joe Hinnigan on a free transfer from Preston.

● Mick Kennedy, the midfield player acquired from Middlesbrough at a cost of £100,000, has signed a four-year contract with Portsmouth.

IN BRIEF

Hockey plea to fund training for Olympics

The British men's hockey team have launched a £40,000 appeal to fund an intensive training and match programme to get them in shape for the Olympic Games. They start with two matches against the United States at Cardiff on June 16 and 17. They also hope to make two short tours, meeting France, the Netherlands and Belgium, and then Spain, Italy and Kenya.

CARDIFF SQUAD: C Allister (Ire), P J Barber (Eng), S Batchelor (Eng), K Bhaura (Eng), D H T Craig (Eng), R D A Dodds (Eng), J L Duthie (Eng), D A V Faulkner (Eng), N Hughes (Eng), S Kerly (Eng), R Leman (Eng), S Martin (Ire), W McConnel (Ire), V Pappin (Scot), C Ashcroft (Eng), J N Potter (Eng), I C B Taylor (Eng), D Westcott (Eng), A Western (Wales), R Cim (Eng), M Lewis (Wales), I Jennings (Eng), N Mallet (Eng), J Hurst (Eng), M Grimley (Eng).

TENNIS Michael Nugent, a 16-year-old Dubliner on holiday from the United States, is a newcomer in Ireland's team for their Davis Cup tie in Finland on June 15, 16 and 17. He joins Matt Doyle and Sean Sorensen.

MOTOR RACING: Ferrari, Brabham, Lotus, Toleman, Williams and Tyrrell will be among the teams taking part in testing at Brands Hatch today and tomorrow in preparation for next month's British Grand Prix. The testing, taking place between 9am and 5pm, will be open to the public. Among the drivers participating will be Piquet, Rosberg, Senna and Mansell.

CRICKET: Simon Corlett, the fast bowler, returns after injury for Roy Torrens, and Stephen Warke, who is not available, is replaced by David Dennison in the Ireland team to meet the West Indians at Rathmines, Dublin, on June 21 and 22.

TEAM: D Monteith (Lisburn captain), I Anderson (Waringstown), D Dennison (Waringstown), S Corlett (North), G Harrison (Waringstown), M Halliday (Phoenix), P Jackson (North), A Jeffrey (Brigade), J Prior (Old Belvedere), J Short (Leinster), R Wills (Woodvale).

OLYMPIC GAMES: The following countries have accepted invitations to take part in Los Angeles:

Algeria, Andora, Angola, Antigua, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Burma, Cameroom, Canada, Cayman Islands, Central Africa, Chad, Chile, People's Republic of China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, West Germany, Ghana, Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, haiti, Honduras, Hongkong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, South Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leona, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taipei Chinese (Taiwan), Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Virgin Islands, Western Samoa, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

CYCLING

Soviet leader to pay for rough rides

By John Wilcockson

On a cool, breezy, rest day in the milk race at ork yesterday, when most of the 58 survivors went for a two-hour loosening-up ride, there was a general feeling that Oleg Czougeda is still a long way from winning a race he has led since his double victory at Llandudno last Friday.

It was expected that on today's vital 84-mile leg around the North York Moors national park a mutual alliance would be formed by the Swedish, British and West Germans to make the Soviet leader's task as difficult as possible.

Unlike previous years when the Soviets have triumphed, they have no alternative to their team leader. Czougeda is their only possible winner. Sergei Zmierskov is in seventh place, two minutes 39 seconds behind, but he was yesterday feeling the effects of leg and shoulder injuries sustained in the crash he caused on Monday. Ladislav Foldyma, the Czechoslovakian who was knocked off his bike by the Russian, flew home yesterday with a fractured left collar bone.

It is the rough riding of the Soviet team that has caused the others to gang up against Czougeda. The man most likely to benefit from the new alliance is Stefan Brykt, the 19-year-old Swede who is dominating the King of the Mountains competition. Brykt has more than one minute to regain, but the climb today over Farndale and Danby High Moors could provide him and his allies with the springboard to make up several minutes on Czougeda.

"We have to wrk together," Peter Longbottom, of the British Amateur team, said, "because there are 25 miles of flat roads between the last climb and the finish at Darlington."

Longbottom, who lives in York, expects that his team colleagues, Neil Martin, who is in fourth place overall, and Jeff Williams, fourteenth, will be with Brykt and the other top climbers today. Also in with an outside chance of overall victory in Blackpool on Saturday are Kjell Nilsson of Sweden, Peter Hilse of West Germany and Jiri Travnicek of Czechoslovakia.

Malcom Elliott, who led the race in the early stages, has little chance of regaining his three minutes 36 seconds deficit over the final four stages. The British professional has only three remaining team colleagues following retirements

RUGBY LEAGUE

Selection problems

Sydney (Reuter) – Frank Myler the Great Britain coach, plagued by injury worries, again delayed naming a team for the opening Rugby League international against Australia here on Saturday.

He was expected to make the selection from his 18-man squad today, but uncertainty over John Joyner, Neil Holding and Mick Adams stayed his hand.

One squad member who is definitely out of contention is Steve Donlan, aged 29, who fell and damaged a sciatic nerve in his lower back in training yesterday.

That leaves Myler with Garry Schofield, the teenager, and the experienced Joyner as his stand-off last options to meet Wally Lewis, Australia's irrepressible captain. Adams, the lock forward, holding, last back, both have groin strains while Joyner pulled a thigh muscle in training yesterday. All three missed this afternoon's workout.

Myler said his team was not moving up as quickly in defence as he would like. "They are tending to lie flat, which could be a disaster. A good defence on Saturday is vital," he said.

He is also urging his men to lie deep in attack. "They have been doing this in spells during matches, sometimes 10 minutes at a time, but they tend to forget. I can't really get down to tactical training until the side is finalized."

Frank Stanton, the Australian coach, emerged from a tough training session with his team saying that any injury had dissipated. But he said he had not make up his mind which of his wingers Kerry Boustead or Ross Conlon, would mark Britain's Des Drummond at flank forward.

Stanton said he expected Myler to field much the same pack of forwards that played against Norht Sydney last Wednesday.

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

SOELL: Tour of Austria: Sixth stage Doellach 1140 kms: 1, A Mierzejewski, (Pol) 3:37.32; 2, P Lammer, (Austria) 3:47.34; 3, K Krenauer (Austria) 3:47.39; 4, Z Krudzsz, (Pol) 3:49.02; 5, R Trinkler, (Switz) 3:49.04.

VALS-LES-BAINS: Dauphiné Libéré race: Final time trial (32km). 1, G Lemond (US) 46:18.08; 2, P Anderson (Aus) 47:06.02; 3, M Ramirez (Col) 47:16.00; 4, M Laurent (Fr) 47:19.04; 5, B Hinault (Fr) 47:21.08; 6, N Ruttimann (Switz) 47:51.06; 7, P Simon (Fr) 48:18.05; 8, R Alban (Fr) 48:31.08; 9, G Mas (Fr) 48:45.04; 10, C Berard (Fr) 49:02.06; 20, S Roche (Ire) 50:36.07, 29, G Jones (GB) 51:45.00. Overall positions: 1, Ramirez 35:23:11; 2, Hinault 35:28:38; 3, Lemond 35:28:18; 4, Simon 35:33:52; 5, Ruttimann 35:33:52; 6, Roche 35:35:10; 7, Anderson 35:37:00; 8, Laurent 35:39:47; 9, Mas 35:40:10; 10, Garde 35:41:30, Jones 36 36:41:22

CRICKET

UNDER-25 XI COMPETITION: Caythorpe: Yorkshire 114 for 9 (40 overs); Nottinghamshire 117 for 1 (32.2 overs). Nottinghamshire won by 9 wickets. Northampton: Essex 147 (40 overs); Northamptonshire 131 (37.5 overs). Essex won by 16 runs. Worcester: Warwickshire 199 for 8 (39 overs: C Norris 78): Worcestershire 192 for 6. Warwickshire won by 7 runs.

YACHTING

BOURNE END: International 14s: Voodoo, Mr and Mrs G Pollock. Wayfarer: Sabrina, Mr and Mrs H Davis. Merlon Rocket: Lovebyte, S Frolick and S Holt. Firefly: Blue Phantom, and L Wright. OK: Newt, J Howden. A Class Raters: Scamp, D Dixons and crew (also Clayton-Jackson Cup).

BOXING

Pearce's purse is still in France

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

David Pearce, the British heavyweight champion, is to write to Neil MacFarlane, the Minister for Sport, to seek his help in obtaining his purse money for his European title bout against Lucien Rodriguez, of France in Limoges on March 30.

The French promoters owe Pearce £19,000 purse money and £4,500 in television fees. According to the British Boxing Board of Control the money has been held up because of French exchange regulations.

Pearce said yesterday: "Why I was having trouble getting a fight with Neville Meade I wrote to Mrs Thatcher and she helped me, so Mr Macfarlane, as Minsiter of Sport, may be able to help me this time as well to get my money.

I have not received one penny of it so far."

Ray Clarke, the secretary of the Board, said yesterday that he wrote last week to the French Boxing Federation, and has also sent them a telegram asking them to pay the money forthwith. "I said if it is not paid I will call upon the Federation to pay." Mr Clarke said. I will raise the matter at the EBU meeting on Saturday if the money hasn't come by then."

Bert McCarthy, who was Pearce's manager at the time of the bout in Limoges, said yesterday that he had written four letters to the Board, the last of them being on June 4 asking them to chase the French Federation for the money. Mr McCarth cast doubts on the French foreign exchange regulation reason given by the Board.

"I received a cheque for the purse money from the promoters after the fight in Limoges but my bank wrote to me on the third of May saying that the cheque had been returned because of insufficient funds," McCarthy said. "I have asked Mr Clarke to see that the money is paid out of the sum that the promote had to deposit with the French Federation before the fight."

MONDAY'S EVENING RACING

Edinburgh

6.30 (5f) 1, ILLICIT (G Dickie, 100-30); 2, Pergoda (3-1 fav); 3, Tradesman (14-1). 1½l, 6l. 9 ran. G Fletcher. TOTE: £3.00; £1.50, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £12.84.

7.0 (5f) 1, PRINCESS WENDY (M Hindley 4-11 fav); 2, Debris (13-2); 3, Carousel Nougat (9-1). 5l, head. 5 ran. M W Easterby. TOTE: £1.20; £1.00, £2.00. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.14.

7.30 (7f) 1, UPTOWN GIRL (P Hill 12-1); 2, Smart Mart (5-4 fav); 3, Skyboot (4-1). 2½l, 2l. 5 ran. J P Smith. TOTE: £10.80; £2.60, £1 10. DF: £12.90. CSF: £20.77.

8.0 (1m) 1, SAFFRON POSER (K Darley 4-5 fav); 2, Palace Rocket (13-2); 3, Sambola (9-1). 1½l, 1l. 6 ran. J Berry. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £3.70; DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.13.

8.30 (1m 4f) 1, HARRY HASTINGS (C Dwyer, 3-1); 2, Dimitri (9-4 fav); 3, Apple Win (6-1). 12l, 1½l. 6 ran. J S Wilson. TOTE: £3.60; £2.10, £1.60. DF: £4.80. CSF: £9.38.

9.0 (1m) 1, BROCKTON (S Webster 5-1); 2, Don't Be Silly (5-1); 3, Serraj (13-8 fav). Head, neck. 5 ran. J P Smith. TOTE: £5.00; £1.90, £1.20. DF: £14.10. CSF: £23.93. PLACEPOT: £9.70.

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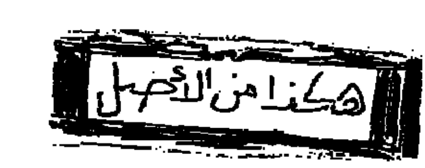


TENNIS

Mrs Lloyd finds life with the lasses far from child's play

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Paris

Chris Lloyd, aged 29, has been the queen of clay-court tennis for so long that we begin to take her for granted. But the crown is a little awry these days because the children have been playing tricks on her. Hana Mandlikova and Andrea Jaeger started it by beating Mrs Lloyd in the 1981 and 1982 singles semi-finals of the supreme clay-court test, the French championships.

Last year, Mrs Lloyd was champion for the fifth time, a feat nobody has surpassed. In the past nine days, though, the youngsters have stretched Mrs Lloyd's tolerance to breaking point. She was beaten by Manuela Maleeva, aged 17, in the final of the Italian championships. In Paris she has lost sets to Larisa Savchenko, aged 17, Miss Maleeva, and, yesterday, to Carling Bassett, aged 16. Mrs Lloyd's competitive confidence has been eroded.

The semi-finals will be Martina Navratilova v Miss Mandlikova and Camille Benjamin v Mrs Lloyd. Miss Navratilova, still on course for a grand slam, was champion here in 1982. Miss Mandlikova won the title in 1981. Miss Benjamin, aged 17, was the only winner among five players under the age of 19 to reach the last eight – an oddity without precedent in any of the four grand slam tournaments.

All five come from North America and have two-handed backhands. Miss Benjamin differs from the rest because she is left-handed and black. Yesterday she beat Lisa Bonder, aged 18. Miss Benjamin is a lean lass with large spectacles and a formidable forehand. "Most people don't know where it's going," she says. "I can put it more or less where I like."

She graduates from high school on Friday, but will miss the ceremony. Miss Navratilova won 6-4, 6-2 against Kathleen Horvath, aged 18, who beat her in Paris last year (Miss Navratilova's only defeat in 1983). Miss Navratilova began nervously against a smart, though relatively lightweight, opponent, whose capacity for work was as admirable as her tactical initiative. Then Miss Horvath was overpowered by a bigger, stronger, and better player.

Miss Mandlikova had to finish off a match, interrupted the previous night, against Melissa Brown, aged 16, who had beaten Zina Garrison, the sixth seed, in the previous round. Miss Brown is now free to play in the junior championships, which are beginning to seem old-fashioned. Miss Navratilova and Pamela Shriver went a round closer to a first prize achieved by a women's doubles team – a grand slam.

The second seeds in the men's doubles, Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson, were beaten by a pair who have threatened them before, Eric Fromm and Shlomo Glickstein. In the singles, John McEnroe, who has lost only one set in five matches, advanced to the semi-finals for the first time by beating Jimmy Arias, who thought two of McEnroe's protests about line decisions were ridiculous: "Maybe he's got bad eyesight".

Yannick Noah and Mats Wilander, who contested last year's final, will meet in a quarter-final. Wilander, who has won all his four matches in straight sets, has struck his best form at the right time. The accuracy, depth and pace of his ground strokes overwhelmed that dextrous shot-maker, Juan Aguilera.

Jimmy Connors beat Henrik Sundstrom 7-6, 6-1, 6-4. So the men's singles semi-finals will be McEnroe v Connors, and Noah or Wilander v Andres Gomez or Ivan Lendl.

RESULTS FROM PARIS

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: Y Noah (Fr) bt B Taroczy (Hun), 5-4, 6-2, 7-6, 7-6; M Wilander (Swe) bt J Aguilera (Sp), 6-1, 6-3, 6-1. Quarter-finals: J McEnroe (US) bt J Arias (US), 6-3, 6-4, 6-1; J Connors (US) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-1, 6-4.

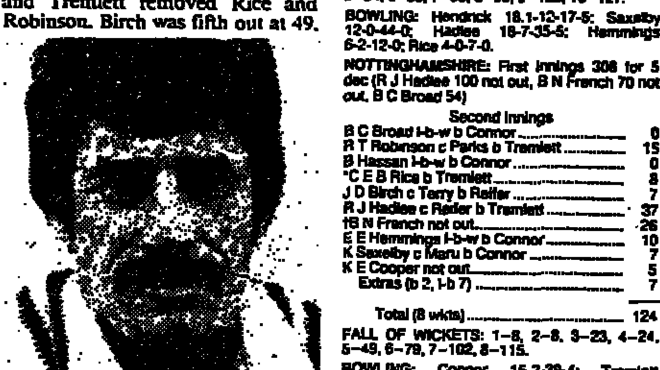
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: H Mandlikova (Cz) bt M Brown (US), 6-1, 6-4; C Lloyd (US) bt C Bassett (Can), 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; C Benjamin (US) bt L Bonder (US), 7-6, 5-7, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt K Horvath (US), 6-4, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: E Fromm (US) and S Glickstein (Isr) bt A Jarryd (Swe) and H Simonsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) and B Gottfried (US) bt S Birde (US) and C Witsus (US), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: K Jordan (US) and A Smith (US) bt H Sukova (Cz) and V Wade (GB), 7-6, 6-3; M Jaušovec (Yug) and H Nagelsen (US) bt J Hetherington (Can) and H Pelletier (Can), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; C Kohde (WG) and H Mandlikova (Cz) bt S Goles (Yug) and P Huber (Austria), 6-1, 6-1.

MIXED DOUBLES: Second round: P Whytcross (Aus) and D Graham (Aus) bt P Teeguarden (US) and F Gonzales (Par), 6-1, 6-2; C Reynolds (US) and M Fancutt (Aus) bt C Tanvier (Fr) and D Bedel (Fr), 7-5, 7-5.

BOYS SINGLES: First round: R Whichello (GB) bt I Cappelloni (It), 6-1, 6-2.



Miss Graf: plotting a progress course at Beckenham yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Miss Gomer beats No 2 seed

Sara Gomer, the No 9 ranked player in Britain, provided the surprise of the day at the Beckenham tournament, sponsored by the *Kentish Times*, yesterday when she beat the second seed, Kim Shaefer, 6-4, 6-4 in the second round.

It was the best win to date for the 6ft 2in Torquay girl, who because of her size possesses a huge service. And this played a big part in her win.

Steffi Graf, who is not 15 until next week, beat an opponent nine years her senior yesterday to reach the third round. Miss Graf, from West Germany, is the sixth seed and proved too strong for Judy Rich, from Norfolk, winning 6-3, 6-3.

The teenager, who reached the quarter-finals of the West German championships last month by defeating the top seed, Bonnie Gadusek, was given a bye into the second round.

The top seed, Barbara Potter, a quarter-finalist at Wimbledon for the past two years, was in good form. She defeated Jo Louis, the young Devon player, 6–1, 6–4 and was always in control of the second round match after winning five successive games in the first set.

Greg Whitecross, of Australia, provided the main upset of the men's singles when he beat Nduka Odizor, of Nigeria, 6–3, 6–4. Odizor, who reached the last 16 at Wimbledon last year, was seeded No 9 but could make little impression against the powerful hitting of Whitecross.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round (GB unless stated): P Reddie bt L Allred, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; J FitzGerald (Aus) bt M Miller (US), 6-2, 6-2; V Lovitzky (US) bt W Hampson (US), 6-0, 6-2; M Fancutt bt J Chamberlain (US), 6-0, 6-2; T Nelson (US) bt P Annacone (US), 3-6, 7-6, 7-6; C Hooper (US) bt J Wilson, 7-6, 6-1; T Cain (US) bt D Drewett (Aus), 7-6, 6-4; C Miller (Aus) bt C Miller (Aus), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; G Whitecross (Aus) bt N Odizor (Nigeria), 6-3, 6-4; G Tesserman (US) bt Y Ouf (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; L Stoker (US) bt S Clegg (Nigeria), 6-0, 6-2; W Masur (Aus) bt G Homes (US), 7-5, 6-3; G Bloxham bt H Seruca (Port), 6-2, 6-0; S Davis (US) bt A Hanscombe, 6-1, 6-1; R van't Hof (US) bt A Giammalva (US), 6-2, 6-4; B Waltz (US) bt N Bromfield, 6-3, 6-4; R Krishnan (India) bt R Grant (Aus), 6-3, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: S Reeves bt L Antonopolis (US), 6-2, 7-5; S Rimes (US) bt E May (US), 6-1, 6-2; N Thornton (Aus) bt L Geeves 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; K Steinmetz (US) bt B Mould (US), 6-3, 7-6; S Margolin (US) bt H Strachanova (Switz), 6-0, 6-1. Second round: B Potter (US) bt J Louis, 6-1, 6-4; E Jonas bt R Dold (SA), 6-2, 6-3; A Henricksson (US) bt M Groat (Can), 6-2, 6-3; T Mochizuki (US) bt N Thornton (Aus), 6-2, 6-0; T Phelps (US) bt J Salmon, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; J Golder (US) bt K Saddon (SA), 6-1, 6-4; S Graf (WG) bt J Rich, 6-3, 6-3; B Herr (US) bt B Norton (US), 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; Ed Oxrider (US) bt M van Nostrand (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; N Yeargin (US) bt K Norman (US), 6-0, 6-0; S Gomer bt K Shaefer (US), 6-4, 6-4.

● Nerida Gregory, an experienced player from Queensland, started her tenth successive British tour with a 6-0, 6-0 win in the second round of the Manchester tournament, sponsored by GMC at Didsbury yesterday. Although the heavy overnight rain slowed the courts considerably, Miss Gregory, aged 28, was not unduly hindered as she conceded only 25 points to the former Yorkshire champion, Catherine Berry.

Martin Robinson, the 28-year-old Bolton player, is hoping that his shock win over Bill Scanlon will revive his career.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round (GB unless stated): R Knell (US) bt R Crowley (US), 6-2, 6-3; D Tarr (SA) bt M Eltes (US), 6-3, 6-1. Second round: S Mitton (SA) bt D Felgate, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; T Mayotte (US) bt T Rafique, 6-1, 6-1; J Turpin (US) bt C Wayne, 6-0, 6-0.

M Robinson bt S Rozes (US) 6-3, 5-6, 6-1; C Clarke bt J Rosenberg (US) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; G Michibata (Can) bt J Skaldon (SA) 7-5, 6-1; M Baroch (Aus) bt D Visser (SA) 6-4, 6-4; S Shaw bt C Peat 6-1, 6-1; N Fulwood bt D Pate (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; J Bates bt A Douglas 6-3, 6-1; J Brown (US) bt E Knowles 6-1, 6-1; B Dyke (Aus) bt C Kermode 6-3, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round (GB unless stated): D Parnell bt V Binns, 6–2, 6–3; S Gough bt C Abbott, 6–1, 6–1; K Copeland (US) bt M Colville (US), 6–7, 6–1, 6–4; J Barber bt V Prudhoe, 4–6, 6–4, 6–2; L Gracie bt L O'Halloran (Ire), 6–0, 6–1; E Lightbody bt J O'Farrell, 6–1, 6–1; C Copeland (US) bt S Bennett, 6–1, 6–2. Second round: N Gregory (Aus) bt C Berry, 6–0, 6–0; Y Vermaak (SA) bt D Parnell, 6–0, 6–0; A Tobin-Dingwall (Aus) bt L Fitzgerald (Aus), 6–0, 6–2; J Griffiths bt T Barua, 6–0, 6–0.

K Kinney (US) bt S Gough 6-4, 6-3; R White (US) bt K Copeland (US) 6-3, 6-1; R Blount (US) bt L Gould 6-3, 6-4; H Strachonova (Switz) bt K Rickett 6-1, 6-0; E Lightbody bt G Fernandez (US) 7-5, 6-3; A Grunfeld bt L Branstein (US) 6-4, 7-6; K Latham (US) bt C Copeland (US) 6-2, 6-3.

Where the optimism is based on batting

By Ivo Tennant

Of the eight counties contesting the Benson and Hedges quarter-finals, to be played today, Essex, inevitably, are favourites, Surrey and Lancashire, predictably, outsiders. Perhaps the most confident of getting through this round and the semi-finals, are somewhat surprisingly, Warwickshire.

They are the dark horses. Several times have they advanced to this stage, never once reaching the final. Their optimism, though, is based less on whimsy than on batting strength. Kallicharran, who scored 1,000 runs in all types of cricket before the end of May, Amiss, Andy Lloyd and Humpage have hit 12 centuries and 14 half-centuries between them this summer.

Warwickshire play Somerset, whom they beat in a splendid quarter-final in 1982 (this one in the Nat-West). That day, Kallicharran made 141 out of 262. David Brown, their manager, said: "It ranks as one of our best-ever one-day performances. This time Somerset will be without Richards and Garner and I fancy our chances chasing any target at present."

For Essex, beaten finalists last year, Pringle and Foster return after the one-day internationals. They will be pleased not to have to bowl at Richards, or for that matter, Clive Lloyd. Lancashire could have done with him.

The best balance tie is probably the one at Hove, where Sussex play Yorkshire. Less so is Nottinghamshire versus Surrey, at least to those of us who witnessed Surrey's cricket in the preliminary rounds. How did they beat Combined Universities?

Surrey are hoping the Trent Bridge pitch will not have been prepared to suit Nottinghamshire's formidable array of medium-pace bowlers. So green was it for their last match in this competition, against Minor Counties, that Hadlee was moving the ball almost too much.

CRICKET

Anxious moments for Sussex before win

By Richard Streeton

HORSHAM: Sussex (24 pts) beat Northamptonshire (3) by 10 wickets.

Interruptions near the end for bad light, followed by the tea interval, as black clouds hovered, gave Sussex anxious moments before they completed an easy victory. Sussex, finally, were left to make 21 and Mendis and Green wasted no more time.

This was the second championship win Sussex have gained this summer and it considerably improves their position in the table. They should be in good heart for today's important occasion at Hove.

Sussex controlled this match from Saturday onwards when they batted far more positively than Northamptonshire managed to do in either innings. Splendid spin bowling by Barclay and Waller in helpful conditions ensured the initiative was retained.

All day, though, Sussex knew they were in a race against threatening weather; Northamptonshire's ambitions were only to draw.

They were still 99 runs behind with seven wickets left at the start and for a long time an innings defeat was on the cards.

As long as Williams stayed, there was hope for them. Wild changed his mind in mid-stroke and was bowled when he finally tried to cut; Bailey was undone by Greig's movement as he tried to place the ball to the on side.

Williams, after 110 minutes, was out when he played back and misjudged Barclay's turn. Steele, rather out of character, quickly followed when he thrust out his left leg and did not offer a stroke.

Capel stayed for a stubborn 80 minutes before he gave mid-off a catch immediately after Northamptonshire had cleared their deficit. They were four runs on, with two wickets left, when bad light brought a 34 minute hold up.

Then Sharp was caught at extra cover and Hanley at deep point. By now tea was due but the rain held off and the tension in the Sussex dressing room was soon eased.

SUSSEX: First Innings 358 for 4 dec (C M Wells 127 not out, G D Mendis 107, P W G Parker 75)

Second Innings

G D Mendis not out	8
A M Green not out	7
Extras (w 4, n-b 2)	6
Total (no wkt)	21

*J R T Barclay, P W G Parker, C M Wells, A P Wells, I A Greig, Il J Gould, G S le Roux, D A Reeve and G E Waller did not bat.

BOWLING: Capel 2-0-7-0; Wild 2-2-0-0; Sharp 1-1-0-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 200

Second Innings

*G Cook c Gould b Barclay	2
W Larkins c and b Greig	18
D J Wild b Barclay	16
A Walker b Barclay	6
R G Williams b Barclay	45
R J Bailey l-b-w b Greig	17
D J Capel c Green b Waller	15
D S Steele l-b-w b Waller	0
*G Sharp c Parker b Waller	26
R W Hanley c Waller b Reeve	11
B J Griffiths not out	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 2, w 3)	7
Total	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-53, 3-57, 4-76, 5-114, 6-130, 7-131, 8-158, 9-170, 10-178

BOWLING: le Roux 5-0-22-0; Reeve 26.3-9-54-1; Greig 18-3-41-2; Barclay 17-7-32-4; Waller 20-11-22-3

Umpires: R Palmer and J A Jameson.

Hants fall to Hadlee

BOURNEMOUTH: Nottinghamshire (23 pts) beat Hampshire (5) by two wickets.

Richard Hadlee in marvellous form, was the key man for Nottinghamshire in an exciting finish and Nottinghamshire now move up to second in the table. The New Zealand all-rounder followed his unbeaten century of the first innings by claiming five wickets for 35 as Hampshire were dismissed for 127, to leave Nottinghamshire only 123 to win.

Hampshire, however, hit back hard. Their new fast bowler, Connor, trapped Broad and Hassan leg-before with successive deliveries and Tremlett removed Rice and Robinson. Birch was fifth out at 49. Hadlee then inspired by example with three boundaries and some smart singles

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 303 (T M Tremlett 74, V P Terry 54)

Second Innings

V P Terry c French b Hendrick	0
C L Smith l-b-w b Hadlee	12
M J Nicholas b Hendrick	0
T E Jesty l-b-w b Hadlee	8
R J Maru c Robinson b Hadlee	4
T M Tremlett b Hadlee	8
D R Turner c Broad b Hendrick	26
N G Cowley c French b Hendrick	30
†R J Parks not out	11
E L Reifer c and b Hadlee	15
C A Connor l-b-w Hendrick	0
Extras (l-b 12)	12
Total	127

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–0, 3–19, 4–29, 5–34, 6–39, 7–95, 8–96, 9–123, 10–127.

BOWLING: Hendrick 18.1-12-17-5; Saxelby 12-0-44-0; Hadlee 18-7-35-5; Hemmings 6-2-12-0; Rice 4-0-7-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 308 for 5 dec (R J Hadlee 100 not out, B N French 70 not out, B C Broad 54)

Second Innings

B C Broad l-b-w b Connor	0
R T Robinson c Parks b Tremlett	15
B Hassan l-b-w b Connor	0
*C E B Rice b Tremlett	8
J D Birch c Terry b Reifer	7
R J Hadlee c Reifer b Tremlett	37
†B N French not out	26
E E Hemmings l-b-w b Connor	10
K Saxelby c Maru b Connor	7
K E Cooper not out	5
Extras (b 2, l-b 7)	7
Total (8 wkts)	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–8, 3–23, 4–24, 5–49, 6–79, 7–102, 8–115.

BOWLING: Connor 15-3-39-4; Tremlett 14-6-23-3; Reifer 12.5-3-41-1; Cowley 6-2-12-0.

Umpires: W E Alley and D J Constant

Glamorgan batsmen hang on

SWANSEA: Glamorgan (4 pts) drew with Worcestershire (8).

Glamorgan hung on to deny Worcestershire an innings victory yesterday. Glamorgan, who required 233 to make Worcestershire bat again, were 93 for eight wickets at the end.

After four inspections because of rain, play did not begin until 4.15. Then it was agreed to play a minimum of 34 overs. The pitch continued to offer the spin bowlers assistance and Illingworth soon captured the wickets of Jones and Holmes.

Hopkins, Glamorgan's acting captain, contributed a useful 28 before he fell to the off spin of Patel. Henderson went cheaply, but Younis Ahmed looked capable of surviving the crisis until he played a rash shot at Patel and skied a catch to Inchmore.

So half the Glamorgan side had been dismissed for 83, and Worcestershire's hopes were further encouraged when they removed Rowe and Steele, who batted half an hour without scoring. Thomas fell to a slip catch off the fourth ball of the thirty-ninth over, at six o'clock, but Glamorgan survived.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 488 for 8 dec (D N Patel 153, D J Humphries 100 not out, M J Weston 80, D B d'Oliveira 51)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 230 (J A Hopkins 58; D N Patel 4 for 58, R K Illingworth 4 for 60)

Second Innings

J A Hopkins c Illingworth b Patel	28
A L Jones c Patel b Illingworth	5
G C Holmes c and b Illingworth	14
Younis Ahmed c Inchmore b Patel	28
S P Henderson c Weston b d'Oliveira	8
J F Steele c Pridgeon b Illingworth	0
C J C Rowe c Humphries b Illingworth	2
J G Thomas c Smith b Illingworth	6
†T Davies not out	0
Extras (l-b 2)	2
Total (8 wkts)	93

W W Davis and R C Green did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–35, 3–65, 4–77, 5–83, 6–85, 7–88, 8–93.

BOWLING: Pridgeon 5-3-11-0; Ellcock 3-0-9-0; Illingworth 11.4-5-32-5; Patel 15-9-31-2; d'Oliveira 4-2-8-1.

Umpires: D Dudleston and A Jepson.

Lancashire denied at the finish

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (6 pts) drew with Surrey (6).

Lancashire failed in a brave attempt to record their first county championship win of the season at the expense of Surrey yesterday. In the end they finished three runs short of their target of 254 in 59 overs, with eight wickets down.

Simmons had made the close finish possible by taking five for 85 as Surrey's second innings was restricted to 251. Simmons then helped put together 51 with Fairbrother, who scored 62 before he was bowled by Pocock.

Watkinson, Jefferies and Folley kept the momentum going, but Lancashire found themselves needing 13 runs off the last over and could not manage it.

SURREY: First Innings 221 (R D V Knight 60, A R Butcher 52; J Simmons 5 for 71)

Second Innings

G S Clinton l-b-w b McFarlane	68
D B Pauline l-b-w b McFarlane	5
R D V Knight c Folley b Simmons	28
G Monkhouse b Watkinson	5
M A Lynch c Folley b McFarlane	13
*G P Howarth run out	20
A Needham c and b Simmons	30
†C J Richards b Simmons	18
A R Butcher c Ormrod b Simmons	30
S T Clarke b Simmons	30
P I Pocock not out	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, n-b 7)	12
Total	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–20, 2–92, 3–107, 4–125, 5–127, 6–157, 7–186, 8–207, 9–236, 10–251.

BOWLING: Jefferies 13-2-27-0; McFarlane 14-3-46-3, Simmons 31.4-10-85-5; Folley 14-2-40-0; Watkinson 5-1-12-1; Hughes 10-3-29-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 219 (J A Ormrod 67, P I Pocock 7 for 74)

Second Innings

J A Ormrod c Clinton b Knight	32
S J O'Shaughnessy c and b Knight	23
*J Abrahams c Pocock b Needham	9
D P Hughes c sub b Pocock	19
N H Fairbrother b Pocock	62
†C Maynard c Pauline b Needham	16
J Simmons l-b-w b Clarke	22
S T Jefferies c sub b Pocock	14
M Watkinson not out	22
I Folley not out	7
Extras (b 18, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 3)	25
Total (8 wkts)	251

L L McFarlane did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–53, 2–72, 3–89, 4–99, 5–144, 6–195, 7–209, 8–239.

BOWLING: Clarke 13-2-55-1, Monkhouse 4-1-11-0; Knight 9-2-19-2; Pocock 23-4-83-3; Needham 10-2-48-2.

Umpires: P J Eele and K E Palmer.

Gloucester gain from Athey's life

CANTERBURY: Gloucestershire (20 pts) beat Kent (5) by four wickets.

Gloucestershire took more than 50 overs and lost six wickets in reaching 116 yesterday, but their labours earned them their first county championship victory of the season.

Kent lost their last three second-innings wickets for 20 runs in the morning and were all out for 70, but put themselves back in the match with an early break-through. Alderman removed Stovold with his fourth ball and then had Romaines caught at slip. Zaheer was caught by Woolmer at square leg off Jarvis, and Gloucestershire were 28 for three.

Then Alderman put down Athey in the slips when he was only eight and the error proved costly. Athey and Bainbridge shared a fourth-wicket stand of 47 in 19 overs which all but won the match. Alderman eventually caught Athey off Ellison for 38.

KENT: First Innings 175 (J N Shepherd 4 for 39)

Second Innings

R A Woolmer b Shepherd	1
N R Taylor l-b-w b Sainsbury	13
*C J Tavaré c Stovold b Shepherd	11
D G Aslett b Sainsbury	3
G W Johnson l-b-w Shepherd	16
R M Ellison c Russell b Shepherd	0
†A P E Knott l-b-w b Shepherd	0
C Penn c and b Sainsbury	12
D L Underwood b Sainsbury	7
T M Alderman b Sainsbury	0
K B S Jarvis not out	0
Extras (l-b 5, w 2)	7
Total	70

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–11, 2–25, 3–31, 4–33, 5–33, 6–33, 7–50, 8–62, 9–70, 10–70.

BOWLING: Lawrence 4-1-14-0; Shepherd 21.4-6-30-5; Sainsbury 18-11-19-5.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 130 (P W Romaines 73; T W Alderman 4 for 40) Second Innings

A W Stovold c Tavaré b Alderman	0
P W Romaines c Penn b Alderman	13
C W J Athey c Alderman b Ellison	38
Zaheer Abbas c Woolmer b Jarvis	2
P Bainbridge c Aslett b Jarvis	47
A J Wright l-b-w b Jarvis	0
*D A Graveney not out	4
J N Shepherd not out	8
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 3)	4
Total (6 wkts)	116

†R C Russell, D V Lawrence and G E Sainsbury did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–21, 3–28, 4–75, 5–92, 6–103.

BOWLING: Alderman 19-9-32-2; Ellison 11-7-14-1; Jarvis 17.2-6-49-3; Penn 5-1-11-0; Underwood 3-1-6-0.

Umpires: C Cook and M J Kitchen.

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd: Favourite

Miss Budd on brink of Olympics

By Pat Butcher

Three months ago, the suggestion that Zola Budd would be running in the British Olympic Trials at Crystal Palace this evening would have been treated with as much derision as the forecast of an imminent visit to Downing Street by the Prime Minister of South Africa. Both events, however, have come to pass, and such is the importance of sport to South Africa, that it is not immediately obvious which occurrence will be considered the sharpest slap in the face for the anti-apartheid movement, whose black African members are waiting to see if Britain will actually nominate Miss Budd for the Olympics.

In the absence through illness of Wendy Sly, the youngster should easily win the 3,000 metres and automatic Olympic selection tonight.

In deference to some of the members of the British Amateur Athletic Board, who foresaw the problem that Miss Budd's automatic selection might bring, nine out of 21 of them abstained recently in a vote to approve Miss Budd's inclusion in tonight's trials. But it should also be noted that the BAAB was the only backer of a South African application for reinstatement to the International Amateur Athletic Federation in 1981.

All of this is as rude a lesson to those who think that sport and politics should not mix as the withdrawal of the Soviet block countries from the Olympics. As long as athletics is organised on a national and international basis, and funded by goverments, it remains a legitimate political target.

Miss Budd has proved something of a saviour for HFC Trust, the sponsor for tonight and for the second part of the trials on Sunday at Gateshead. Ten of the best reasons for attracting crowd and television – Sebastian Coe, Kathy Cook, Steve Cram, Keith Connor, David Moorcroft, Daley Thompson, Colin Reitz, Steve Ovett, Fatima Whitbread and Allan Wells – are not competing because they have been pre-selected for the Olympics.

Ovett was going to run in the 800 metres in Los Angles, but he is suffering from the aftermath of bronchitis. However, Peter Elliott and Todd Bennett, outstanding in the United Kingdom championships at Cwmbran 10 days ago, compete in the 800 and 400 metres respectively.

Brian Hooper, the former British pole vault record holder, who retired from athletics in 1982 to pursue a career in the television programme *Superstars*, wanted to compete tonight and was prepared to pay his winnings into a trust fund. But the AAA, is not satisfied with his proof and will meet this evening to discuss his case.

RUGBY UNION

England carry on fumbling

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Sasolburg

Country districts	12
England XV	33

There was little satisfaction in England's victory here yesterday in the penultimate game of their South African tour. It was their highest total in six matches, but when they desperately needed to produce a clean, clinical performance, to regain some of the confidence drained by South Africa's win last Saturday, they fumbled and bumbled against a South African Country Districts side lacking any pretensions to class.

True, it was the first game to be played at altitude on this tour, and the ball bounced and bobbled around on the hardest, dustiest pitch England have yet encountered, with a strong breeze blowing from one end to the other. But the continuing saga of basic errors, missed touches, missed tackles and uncertain handling does not augur well for an improved performance in the final international at Ellis Park on Saturday.

The winning margin was three goals, three tries and a penalty goal to two goals, and all but four of those points came in the second half. It was amazing that England, even playing into the wind, could manage just one first-half try, and that by Brain, one of the few players to emerge with his reputation enhanced. The Coventry hooker took seven strikes against the head but remains unlikely to oust Mills from the international side.

Those who also seemed aware of prizes to be won, were Rees on the flank, who deservedly rounded off England's scoring try, and Cusani, a dominating force at the lineout. But though Engand were in charge of the set pieces, the second-phase possession was poor, and there was little sparkle in the back division.

There were fewer than 3,000 present to see England wait half an hour before opening the score, and that was when the Districts were down to 14 men after losing Jefferey, their wing. Rees was twice in the move, before Brian forced his way in at the corner. The flanker was involved, too, as England's forwards stampeded over the line just after the interval, Cusani getting the touchdown.

Neither try was converted by Stringer, whose failure to offer consistent place-kicking means that Hare's place against South Africa is probably safe. Stringer missed six kicks, through he converted a simple blindside try by Trick and was on the end of the line to score a try himself after Trick had made the extra man.

The Districts worked Nel over rather too easily from a tapped penalty, and also had the last word when Zondagh picked up a chip-ahead. In between, Youngs collected a ricochet off an upright to score, and Rees drove over from Horton's break. Eugene Hare, the District's scrum Half, converted his side's tries.

SCORERS: SA country Districts: Tries: Nel, Zondagh. Conversions: Hare (2). England XV: Tries: Brain, Cusani, Trick, Stringer, Youngs, Rees. Conversions: Stringer (3). Penalty: Stringer.

SA COUNTRY DISTRICTS: A Noble (Western Province League); D Jefferey (South-west Africa) (rep: B Beukes, Vaal Triangle), D van der Merwe (South-west Africa), J Nel (North-east Cape), C Zondagh (Northern Natal); J Heunis (North-east Cape), E Hare (South-west Districts); S Oosthuizen (South-west Africa), W Bredenhahn (South-west Africa), D Pretorius (Eastern Orange Free State), M Cusha (SARA), P Bucholz (Vaal Triangle), J van Rensburg (Vaal Triangle), R Blignaut (South-west Districts, captain), S Losper (South-west Africa).

ENGLAND XV: N Stringer (Wasps); D Trick (Bath), B Barley (Wakefield), S Burnhill (Loughborough University), A Swift (Swansea); J Horton (Bath), N Youngs (Leicester); P Rendall (Wasps), S Brain (Coventry), G Pearce (Northampton), M Teague (Gloucester), J Scott (Cardiff, captain), D Cusani (Orrell), G Rees (Nottingham), C Butcher (Harlequins).

Referee: F Muller (Eastern Province).

GOLF

Parkin the showman holds stage

By Mitchell Platts

Philip Parkin, the defending champion, ambled through the first stage of the Amateur championship yesterday. At Fromby he added a 71 to the 70 he scored the previous day at Southport and Ainsdale and, with a 36-hole aggregate of 141, progressed to the matchplay section with his confidence high.

Even so, there was a distinctly Spanish flavour in the air as the 64 qualifiers earned their places in today's first round. José Olazabal established a record for the rearranged Formby course with a 69, which was later equalled by Michael Amcara, of Wales. Ignacio Gervas took 70 to be on 142, which was two strokes ahead of Olazabal.

With Peter McEvoy, the champion in 1977 and 1978, taking 73, also at Formby, for 143, the stage is set for an interesting week. All the action will now unfold at Fromby.

Parkin played with his usual independent air, which he is expected to take into the millionaires' playground of the professionals sooner rather than later. He is a showman, in every sense, with a marvellous swing and an equally marvellous attitude. He did miss short putts on the last two greens but by that time he had impressed everyone with his repertoire of shots. This everyone included his proud grandfather, who gave Philip, then 10, his first golf clubs.

Olazabal, last year's British boys' champion, gathered four birdies, one more than Parkin, initiated by one of 25ft across the first. He is regarded, in some quarters, as the new Ballesteros, although Gervas, at 19 one year older, has every intention of relieving his compatriot of the Spanish title.

Gervas had birdies at each of the four par fives. He has become this week's "adopted Scot" with some justification, since his mother hails from Aberdeen and he studied English for one year at Edinburgh University.

QUALIFIERS: 141: P Parkin (Newtown) 70, 71. 142: I Gervas (Spa) 72, 70. 143: P McEvoy (Copt Heath) 70, 73. 144: S Grappasonni (It) 70, 74; J M Olazabal (Sp) 75, 69; M Belsham (Royal Cinque Ports) 75, 69. 145: R Roper (Catterick Garrison) 72, 73; F George (Beaconsfield) 71, 74; C Montgomerie (Ilkley) 72, 73; G Bell (Hartlepool) 72, 73. 146: C Smethurst (Crewe) 71, 75; P Mayo (Newport) 73, 73; G Tuttle (US) 73, 73; W Musto (US) 72, 74. 147: N Brazell (Southport and Ainsdale) 73, 74; P Broadhurst (Purley Chase) 74, 73; S Burnett (SA) 73, 74; M Brelsford (Stirling) 75, 72; L Walker (Selby) 74, 73; G Krause (Wollaton Park) 74, 73; D Gilford (Trentham Park) 71, 76; M Macara (Maesdu) 78, 69; C Moe (US) 73, 74. 148: T Hurrell (Barnham Broom) 73, 75; A Moir (McDonald) 76, 72; B Davidson (Banchory) 74, 74; B Edgar (Blackpool North Shore) 76, 72; U Mundy (India) 76, 72; H Kemp (US) 74, 74. 149: D James (SA) 73, 76; P Thomas (US) 73, 76; P Hedges (Langley Park) 75, 74; D Moss (Worthing) 74, 75; M Calvert (Royal St David's) 76, 73; C Edwards (Bath) 73, 76; R Park (Hockley) 72, 77; C Laurence (Warren 74, 75.

No play yesterday

DERBY: Middlesex 274 (W N Slack 93, P R Downton 88; P g Newman 4 for 76) and 60 for 1 (Bowling: Mortensen 9-3-10-0; Newman 8-0-28-0; Finney 5-1-10-0; Roberts 2-0-4-0; J P Taylor 1.2-0-6-0); Derbyshire 314 (K J Barnett 144). Match drawn. Derbyshire 8 pts, Middlesex 7.

HINCKLY: Essex 189 (N Philip 71; A M E Roberts 4 for 23) and 183 for 2 (G A Gooch 113 not out; Bowling: Roberts 12-1-41-0; Agnew 6-1-34-0; Parsons 14-4-30-2; Clift 11-3-33-0; Willey 11-3-18-0; Cook 7-2-17-0); Leicestershire 226 (N Philip 5 for 48). Match drawn. Leicestershire 6 pts, Essex 5. Official correction: Essex second innings, extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1) 10, not as previously published.

MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire 309 (J D Love 112); Somerset 141 for 6 (Bowling: Sidebottom 19-5-44-1; Fletcher 16-6-24-4; Stevenson 13-4-33-0; Moxon 8-2-19-1; Swallow 5-2-10-0). Match drawn. Yorkshire 6 pts, Somerset 4. Official correction: Somerset first innings. T Gard not out 1, not G V Palmer, who did not bat.

UNDER-25 XI COMPETITION

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire. Match abandoned.

Leamington Spa: Warwickshire 211 for 6 (G J Lord 72, Asif Din 54); Somerset 121 for 7 Warwickshire won by 90 runs.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Leicestershire (4)	7	3	0	4	14	24	86
Nottingham (14)	7	3	1	3	16	20	84
Kent (7)	6	3	1	2	11	13	72
Essex (1)	7	2	2	3	13	23	68
Sussex (11)	6	2	1	3	13	19	60
Yorkshire (17)	5	2	0	3	15	7	54
Worcester (16)	7	1	2	4	15	23	54
Northampton (6)	7	1	3	3	21	14	51
Hampshire (3)	6	1	3	2	16	17	49
Glamorgan (15)	6	1	1	4	13	15	44
Middlesex (2)	5	1	2	2	10	16	42
Somerset (10)	5	1	2	2	8	18	42
Surrey (8)	8	0	2	6	17	24	41
Derbyshire (9)	6	0	1	5	18	19	37
Gloucester (12)	5	1	1	3	7	10	33
Warwickshire (5)	5	0	0	5	16	11	27
Lancashire (12)	6	0	0	6	12	15	27

Sussex record includes 12pts for a win in a match reduced to one innings a side.

1983 positions in brackets

Today's fixtures

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup (11.0, 55 overs)

Quarter-finals

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Surrey
HOVE: Sussex v Yorkshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset

Tour Match (one day)

ARUNDEL: West Indies v Lavinia, Dutchess of Norfolk's XI (11.0)

Second XI Championship

Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan; Southampton: Hampshire v Essex; Peterborough: Northamptonshire v Middlesex; Newark: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire; Hastings: Sussex v Kent; Bradford: Yorkshire v Surrey.

Minor counties championship

Wisbech: Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire.

Tour match

Letchworth: Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire v Kenya.

YACHTING

Morvan regains lead

By John Nicholls

Jet Services, the 60ft catamaran of Patrick Morvan, a Frenchman, has regained the lead after four days and 700 miles of the *Observer/Europe 1* single-handed transatlantic race. The previous day's leader, Bruno Peyron, in L'Aiglon, has been absorbed by the pursuing pack, with the first 10 boats tightly grouped within a 60-mile circle.

Second place is now filled by Florence Arthaud, in Biotherm, clearly competitive and on schedule to be the fastest and highest placed woman ever to complete the 3,000-mile course. Fleury Michon, another French entry, sailed by Philippe Poupon, is third, with the highest placed British boats, Colt Cars GB (Jeff Houlgrave) and Travacres Seaway (Peter Phillips), lying twentieth and twentyfirst respectively.

Morvan, who is averaging 10 knots, is reported to have run out of gas, an embarrassing admission, given his sponsor.

For two other competitors the race is already over. Fury (Hugh McCoy, United States) has returned to Plymouth with a damaged rudder and Alliance Kaypro (Monique Brand, France) is making for the Scilly Isles after being dismasted.

EQUESTRIANISM

Now Shining Example is set for Aachen

By Jenny MacArthur

Steven Smith, who is still trying to find a suitable Olympic horse, may partner Sanyo Shining Example, his brother Robert's usual ride, at this month's Aachen International Show in West Germany. He is one of seven riders nominated yesterday for the show, which is being used as a major trial for five of our Olympic short-listed riders. The final team of five will be picked during the Royal International Horse Show at Birmingham next week.

Sanyo Shining Example has been enjoying a run of success, culminating at Hickstead last weekend. The horse has now won £15,000 in eight weeks and Steven Smith feels that on his current form he would have more chance of being selected on Shining Example than on his stable companions, Sanyo Technology and Olympic Video, who were formerly mooted as his likely rides.

Aachen, with its tough Grand Prix and competitive atmosphere, is one of the most popular shows with the professionals, but riders such as David Broome, Malcolm Pyrah and Harvey Smith have had to stand down to make way for the Olympic squad. "Time is running out." Ronnie Massarella, the chef d'équipe, said yesterday, "and there's still a lot of work to do" The main task involves trying out yet more horse and rider combinations. John and Michael Whitaker are virtually assured of forming the nucleus of the team, but the other two places are still wide open.

Lesley McNaught is nominated with Mr Ross, Broome's usual ride. Her performance at Hickstead last weekend was encouraging and, as she also has Ona Promise improving with each outing, her Olympic prospects look bright.

Tony Newbury is likely to take Claire Rushworth's Ryans Mill.

AACHEN SHORTLIST: Gary Gillespie (Lorenzo), Tony Newbury (Ryans Mill), Leslie McNaught (Ona Promise and Mr Ross), Steven Smith (Sanyo Shining Example and Fairway), David Bowen (Boysie and Brindle Boy), John Whitaker (Ryans Son, St Mungo and Hopscotch), Michael Whitaker (Amanda, Red Flight and Tamara).

IN BRIEF

Kilcline goes to Coventry for £60,000

Brian Kilcline, the England under-21 defender, has signed for Coventry City from Notts County for £60,000. Kilcline, aged 22, travelled to Coventry to complete the transfer after the formality of a medical examination. Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, has also made an inquiry about Joe Corrigan, Brighton and Hove Albion's goalkeeper.

CYCLING: Jurg Bruggmann, of Switzerland, sprinted ahead of the pack to win the seventeenth stage of the Giro d'Italia, in Lecco, yesterday. Francesao Moser retains the overall lead, with five legs to go.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, J Bruggmann (Switz) 6hr 46min 27sec; 2, A Da Silva (Port) two seconds behind.

OVERALL: 1, F Moser (It) 80hr 01min 48sec; 2, R Visentini (It) 1:03min behind; 3, M Argentin (It), 2:06.

BOXING: Colin Jones could meet the winner of the WBA welterweight title bout between Don Curry, the holder, and Nino Larocca, which takes place Monte Carlo on July 14. Eddie Jones, the manager of Colin Jones, and Frank Warren, the promoter, have been invited to watch the bout by Bob Arum, the American promoter.

POLO

Late surge puts Foxcote into semi-final

By John Watson

The last of the Queen's Cup quarter-finals were played off at Smith's Lawn, Windsor yesterday. In the first match Lord Vestey's team, Foxcote, won 9-7 against Cowdray Park (received four).

In the fifth chukka, when the score stood at 7-6 to Foxcote, Cody Forsyth, of New Zealand, found the flags with a 40-yarder to equalize.

There followed a furious struggle between two squads widely regarded as the strongest in the tournament – Christian Heppe's BBs, and Southfield, whose central strength is comprised of Owen Rinehart of America and the all-England seven-goaler, Alan Kent. Starting two up on handicap, Southfield were hard pressed all the way. The score was 6-6 at the end of the sixth chukka. The BBs' captain, Stuart McKenzie of New Zealand, made it 7-6 in extra time.

FOXCOTE: 1, Lord Vestey (3); 2, Lord C Beresford (6); 3, S Novaes (7); Back, P Elliott (6).

COWDRAY PARK: 1, Hon C Pearson (2); 2, C Forsyth (6); 3, P Churchward (5); Back, D Gemmell (3).

BBs: 1, C Heppe (1); 2, Hipwood (9); 3, S McKenzie (6); Back, I Hunt (4).

SOUTHFIELD: 1, D Yeoman (3); 2, A Kent (7); 3, O Rinehart (7), Back, D Jamison (3).

Palmer out of US Open

From Robin Gregg
New York

Arnold Palmer has failed to qualify for the US Open for the first time since 1952. In a qualifying tournament in Sharon, Ohio, he shot a two-over-par 146 over 36 holes to miss the cut by two strokes.

The decision not to grant him an automatic entry stirred up some controversy, though Palmer himself has said he was not upset by it. He has appeared in 31 successive US Opens, a record he shares with Gene Sarazen. His only win in the tournament was in 1960.

Hadlee: five for 35

Looking to the sponsor

Minor counties cricket by Michael Berry

Hertfordshire and Cheshire, last season's two winners, must again be viewing the sponsor's purse with expectation.

Hertfordshire, the first champions under the United Friendly Insurance system, are £2,000 richer for it, and Cheshire, who took the £1,500 prize as inaugural winners of the English Stakes Knockout Trophy, have sounded warnings in defence of their titles.

Hertfordshire, again pose a threat. They have Ottley back and Merry has returned from Middlesex to partner Surridge with the new ball. Surridge took 11 wickets and Ottley made 75 as Hertfordshire had the first championship win of the season over Cumberland.

In the one-day event, Cheshire are through into the quarter finals afer victories over Cumberland and Durham. Ironically, they now meet Hertfordshire, like Durham, one of their victims last season in the last eight. So far they have been without either Mudassar Nazar, the Pakinstani star, or Wundke, and Australina.

Wenzler, a 21 year old South African all-rounder, was blooded in the match against Durham, but of their home-reared players Parry, a new seam blowler, took four wickets

A gripping finish in the English Estate tie at Newport saw Shropshire, who have signed Mustaq Mohammad, the Pakistani Test player, beat Berkshire by two runs in the last over. Oprtcrovic, who is also the Shrewsbury Town goalkeeper, took the last Berkshire wicket to finish with 4 for 10.

ENGLISH ESTATES QUARTER FINALS (to be played on Sunday, June 17): Devon v Oxfordshire at Exeter; Cheshire v Hertfordshire at Bowdon; Staffordshire v Northumberland at Newport, Norfolk v Dorset at Lakenham.

DERBY FIELD

3.30 DERBY STAKES (Group I. 3-y-o. £227,680: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

301 311-11 ALPHABATIM (D) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 .... L Piggott 15
(Green, Pink Cap & Sash, White Sleeves)
302 12-23 AT TALAQ (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-0 .. R Hills 9
(Royal Blue, White Epaulets, Striped Cap)
303 04-3134 CATALDI (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 .... A Clark 17
(Green, Pink Cap & Sash, White Sleeves, White Cap)
304 1-11 CLAUDE MONET (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 9-0 .... S Cauthen 16
(Royal Blue, Light Blue Epaulets & Cap)
305 1241-10 CREAG-AN-SGOR (Mrs W Tulloch) C Nelson 9-0
NON--RUNNER 12
(Cerise, White Cross-Belts, Black Cap White Star)
308 1241-00 ELEGANT AIR (P Mellon) I Balding 9-0 .... B Raymond 13
(Black, Gold Cross & Stripe on Cap)
309 1111-11 EL GRAN SENOR (R Sangster) M V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0
Pat Eddery 10
(Emerald Green, Royal Blue Sleeves, White Cap Green Spots)
312 23-41 ILIUM (D) (Hadi Al-Tajir) Thomson Jones 9-0 .... A Murray 2
(White, Maroon Braces & Cap)
313 33-31 KAYTU (R Khan) W Hern 9-0 .... W Carson 5
(Yellow, Red Seams, Red Cap)
314 210 LONG POND (D Dein) P Kelleway 9-0 .... G Duffield 7
(Yellow, Green Star, Red & White Quartered Cap)
315 0-01 MIGHTY FLUTTER (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-0 .... B Rouse 6
(Black & Yellow Diamonds, Black Collar, Red & Yellow Hooped Cap)
316 4212-4 MY VOLGA BOATMAN (Col F Hue-Williams) M Stoute 9-0
(White, Scarlet 'V' & Cap) .... W R Swinburn 4
317 12020D NORTHERN FRED (F Tinsley) C Milbank (Fr) 9-0 .... G Moore 1
Red, Green Sleeves, Black Cap, Red Hoop)
318 01-30 PIGWIDGEON (Mrs J Delahooke) G Harwood 9-0 ..... G Starkey 18
(Brown, Yellow Collar & Cap, Halved Sleeves)
319 00-030 SASSANOCO (Khalid Al-Tajir) Thomson Jones 9-0 .... T Rogers 3
(White, Maroon Braces, Hooped Cap)
320 1-13 SECRETO (L Miglitti) D V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0 .... C Roche 14
(Yellow, Blue Diamonds, Yellow Sleeves, White Cap Blue Spots)
321 420-0 SHEER HEIGHTS (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 .... P Cook 11
(Dark Green)
322 13-30 TELIOS (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 9-0 .... G Baxter 8
(Black, White Spots on Body & Sleeves)
1983: Teenoso 9-0 L Piggott (9-2 fav) G Wragg 21 ran.

4-5 El Gran Senor, 7-2 Alphabatim, 12 Kaytu, 14 Secreto, Claude Monet, 16 Ilium, 40 My Volga Boatman, Elegant Air, 66 Mighty Flutter, Northern Fred, 100 others.

Form for the 17 contenders

ALPHABATIM (9-0) beat Get The Message (9-0) an easy 6l (Lingfield 1m 4f, £26,072, good May 12, 5 ran). Previously (9-0) stayed on, beat Trojan Fen (8-7) 2½l (Sandown 1m 2f, £19,950, good to firm, Apr 28, 8 ran). Last season (9-0) beat Mendez (9-0) ½l with ILIUM (9-0) 3rd of 9. Beaten ¾l (Doncaster 8f, £46,529, good to firm, Oct 22). AT TALAQ (9-2) 4l 3rd of 11 to Welnor (9-2) (Capannelle 1m 4f, £41,175, heavy May 13). CATALKI (9-5) 3¾l 4th of 10 to Straight Man (8-11) (Chester 1m 2f, £3,454. Good to firm, May 8). CLAUDE MONET (9-0) ran on, beat Hatim (9-0) a head with ELEGANT AIR (9-0) 6th, beaten 2½l, LONG POND (9-0) 7th, PIGWIDGEON (9-0) 8th and TELIOS (9-0) 11th of 15 (York 1m 2.5f, £62,420, good to firm, May 16). Previously (8-10) beat Raami (9-2) a head with PIGWIDGEON (8-10) 3rd, beaten 3¾l and ILIUM (8-5) 4th of 8, beaten 6¼l (Newmarket 1m 2f, £8,798, good to firm, May 3). Last season (8-11) beat Coulee Queen (8-8) ½l (Doncaster 7f, £1,490, good, Oct 21, 14 ran). CREAG-AN-SGOR behind EL GRAN SENOR last time, previously (9-0) beat Defecting Dancer (9-0) ½l (Newbury 7f, £15,512, good, Apr 14, 8 ran). EL GRAN SENOR (9-0) comfortably beat Chief Singer (9-0) 2½l in 2000 Guineas with CREAG-AN-SGOR (9-0) 7th of 9, beaten 17½l (Newmarket 8f, £87,408, firm, May 5). Previously (9-2) beat Sadler's Wells (9-2) 2l (Curragh 7f, £7,424, good to soft, Apr 14, 9 ran). Last season (9-0) beat Rainbow Quest (9-0) ½l (Newmarket 7f, £44,219, good, Oct 14, 10 ran). ILIUM (8-6) ridden out, beat Prime Assett (8-6) ½l with MY VOLGA BOATMAN (8-11) hampered, 4th beaten 7½l, SHEER HEIGHTS (8-6) 5th beaten 8¼l and SASSANOCO (8-6) last of 12 (Goodwood 1m 4f, £12,590, good to soft, May 22). KAYTU (8-8) ran on, beat Alleging (8-12) 3l (Chester 1m 4f, £17,684, good to firm May 8, 7 ran). Previously (9-0) short head and head 3rd of 15 to Calfucci (9-0) (Newbury 8f, £2,893, good, Apr 14). Last season (8-11) 1½l 3rd of 14 to Corinth (9-3) (Newbury 8f, £4,036, good, Oct 22). LONG POND behind CLAUDE MONET last time, previously (8-6) beat Trial By Error (8-9) a short head with ELEGANT AIR (8-12) 5th of 11, beaten 2½l (Epsom 8.5f, £24,318, good to firm, Apr 24). MIGHTY FLUTTER (9-0) beat Russian Noble (9-0) 1½l (Newbury 1m 3f, £2,784, good, May 19, 20 ran). MY VOLGA BOATMAN behind ILIUM last time, previously (9-0) 2½l 2nd of 7 to ELEGANT AIR (9-0) (Newbury 7f, £21,474, good, Oct 20). NORTHERN FRED (8-6) beat Bater (9-6) a short head but subsequently relegated to 2nd (Capannelle 1m 2f, £22,647, soft, May 27, 7 ran). Previously (9-2) last of 7 to Dahar (9-2) (Longchamp 1m 2f, £41,254, good to soft, May 13). SECRETO (9-0) kept on same pace, ¾l 3rd of 9 to Sadlers Wells (Curragh 8f, £83,688, firm, May 19). Previously (8-7) beat Without Reserve (9-0) 3l (Curragh 7f, £8,150, good to fir, Apr 28, 7 ran). Last season (8-10) beat Antikitos (8-10) 2½l (Phoenix Park 7f, £380, good to soft, Oct 18, 7 ran). TELIOS behind CLAUDE MONET last time, previously (8-7) 7l 3rd of 5 to Lear Fan (8-12) Newmarket 8f, £11,784, good to firm, Apr 17).
Selection: EL GRAN SENOR each way: SECRETO.

Lester Piggott's 33-year record

Year	Mount	Finishing position	Odds	Runners
1951	ZUCCHERO	unplaced	28-1	33
1952	GAY TIME	2nd	25-1	33
1953	PRINCE CHARLEMAGNE	unplaced	66-1	27
1954	NEVER SAY DIE	won	33-1	22
1955	WINDSOR SUN	unplaced	33-1	23
1956	AFFILIATION ORDER	unplaced	33-1	27
1957	CREPELLO	won	6-4	22
1958	BOCCACCIO	unplaced	20-1	20
1959	CARNOUSTIE	6th	10-1	20
1960	ST PADDY	won	7-1	17
1961	no ride			
1962	no ride			
1963	CORPORA	5th	100-8	26
1964	SWEET MOSS	unplaced	100-8	17
1965	MEADOW COURT	2nd	10-1	22
1966	RIGHT NOBLE	unplaced	9-2	25
1967	RIBOCCO	2nd	22-1	22
1968	SIR IVOR	won	4-5	23
1969	RIBOFILIO	5th	7-2	26
1970	NIJINSKY	won	11-8	11
1971	THE PARSON	6th	16-1	21
1972	ROBERTO	won	3-1	22
1973	CAVO DORO	2nd	12-1	25
1974	ARTHURIAN	12th	28-1	18
1975	BRUNI	14th	16-1	18
1976	EMPERY	won	5-1	22
1977	THE MINSTREL	won	5-1	22
1978	INKERMAN	21st	4-1	25
1979	MILFORD	10th	15-2	23
1980	MONTEVERDI	14th	8-1	24
1981	SHOTGUN	4th	7-1	18
1982	NO RIDE			
1983	TEENOSO	won	9-2	21

Facts and figures

● The Derby dates back to 1780, when the first winner was Sir Charles Bunbury's Diomed. It was run over a mile until 1784.

● The last three winners: Shergar, Golden Fleece and Teenoso, have all started favourites. ElGran Senor is bidding to be come the first horse to complete the 2,000 Guineas-Derby double since Nijinsky in 1970.

● Lester Piggott has the best record of all time in the Derby having ridden the winner 9 times. Others riding in the race with previous victories are Pat Eddery – twice (Grundy, Golden Fleece), Willie Carson – twice (Troy, Henbit), Walter Swinburn (Shergar) and Greville Starkey (Shirley Heights).

● The last 10-1 winner qwas Aboyeur, who was awarded the race on the disqualification of Cragenour in 1913. Psidium at 66-1 was the longest priced post-war winner.

● The winning owner will receive record prize money of £227,680 in this, the first-ever sponsored Derby. Henbit's win in the 200th Derby in 1980 ws worth £166,820, until now a record.

● If El Senor wins, Vincent O'Brien will equal the trainers' re cord of seven Derby victories held by Robert Robson, John Porter and Fred Darlinng.

● The onl y losing odds-on favourite since thbe war: was Tudor Minstrel, fourth at 7-4 on in 1947.

Oaks field

The 17 declared runners for Saturday's Oaks at Epsom, with riding arrangements, are: Amalee, Camden Milly (G Duffield), Circus Plume, (L Piggott), Easy To Copy, Green Rock, Kanz (G Starkey), Malaak (W Shoemaker), Media Luna (P Cook), Mildred, Miss Beaulieu, Optimistic Lass (W R Swinburn), Our Shirley, Out Of Shot (P Eddery), Poquito Queen (S Cauthen), Real Gold, Ruff's Luck, Spinelle (A Clark).

Francome wins

John Francome, who was twice unplaced at Stromsholm on Sunday, ended his visit to Sweden on a high note when riding Fagot to win at Taby on Monday night. Fagot had run the race of his life the previous Monday to be second in an important flat event at 139-1.

Not surprisingly, he was 9-10 for this novice hurdle and with Francome saving ground on the inside all the way, he cantered up by an easy two lengths from Ready Token. Francome, who returned home yesterday, spent Monday morning at Solvalla raceway, a trotting track, and drove a horse in fast work with two others. It was the first time he had sat in a sulky.

O'Brien's award

Vincent O'Brien, looking for his seventh Epsom Derby winner today with El Gran Senor, has been named the first Piper Champagne "Trainer of the Month" on the Flat, following the colt's brilliant 2,000 Guineas victory.

● Little Wolf, winner of last year's Ascot Gold Cup and a leading contender for this year's long distance events, has had to be retired. The six-year-old made a promising reappearance in the Henry II Stakes at Sandown last Tuesday, finishing third to Harly, but was found afterwards to have sprained a tendon and will not be able to run again.

Racing: O'Brien and son could make Derby history by saddling first and second

El Gran Señor can rank among the greats

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

After that fine performance by Sadler's Wells in the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) at Chantilly on Sunday, no one should be surprised if El Gran Señor and Secreto fill the first two places in the Derby, which is being sponsored for the first time at Epsom this afternoon by Ever Ready Limited. If that happens another piece of racing history will be made because they are trained by a father and son, Vincent and David O'Brien.

In napping El Gran Señor to win from Secreto, I am banking earlier this year and on the gallops at Ballydoyle, too.

What only today's race will tell is whether they are as good as that over the extra distance. Nobody, not even their respective trainers, can be certain, but the feeling abides in both camps that they are blessed with the right blend of speed and stamina.

Both are by the great American stallion Northern Dancer, who has already sired two Derby winners, Nijinsky and The Minstrel, as well as last year's Irish Derby hero, Shareef Dancer. There is arguably more stamina in the bottom half of Secreto's pedigree than there is in El Gran Señor's as he is out of a half-sister to the French Derby winner, Caracolero, by the American Triple Crown winner, Secretariat. However, El Gran Señor is out of a mare by Buckpasser, who has always been regarded as a strong influence in the United States as far as stamina is concerned. And that is a pedigree which fits the bill.

One man who has no qualms about El Gran Señor getting the trip is his jockey, Pat Eddery, and that is an important factor because it is vital for the pilot to be brimful of confidence on occasions like these. Eddery's confidence stems from El Gran Señor himself because he has such a good temperament and is so athletic that you can, in the jockey's words, "put him anywhere at a time in a race." And Eddery himself is not exactly short of know-how, having already won the Derby on Grundy and Golden Fleece.

By winning on soft ground as well as on firm, El Gran Señor has shown himself to be splendidly adaptable and I confidently expect him to prove that he is exceptional by winning today's great prize. The way that Secreto was running on at the end of the Irish 2,000 indicated that he would by more effective over today's distance. What he lacks, though, is El Gran Señor power of acceleration.

Those in search of a long shot could do worse than back My Volga Boatman each way at around 40-1. He is trained by Michael Stoute, whose Newmarket stable has been in such fine form of late, which is more than can be said of the yard which houses the second favourite, Alphabatim. Stoute and his talented young jockey, Walter Swinburn, were the brains behind Shergar three years ago.

After My Volga Boatman had finished fourth behind Ilium in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood last month, Swindburn insisted that he would just about have won if he had not been hampered badly and nearly brought down at the top of the hill. It was impossible, however, to verify his tale of woe by watching a replay of the race because the course was shrouded in mist. By all accounts, My Volga Boatman has improved since that race.

What is certain is that today's race will be run at a tremendous lick from the word go because both Alphabatim and Ilium have pacemakers (Cataldi and Sassanoco) to ensure gallop that will expose a chink in the favourite's armour, if there is such a thing.

By winning over a mile and a half at Lingfield and Goodwood respectively, Alphabatim and Ilium have shown that they have the requisite stamina. What they have still to show is that they are capable of carrying the sort of thrust that Eddery can deliver on El Gran Señor.

Classic power: El Gran Señor strides home from Chief Singer in last month's 2,000 Guineas to stretch his unbeaten run to six

At Doncaster last autumn there was less than a length between Alphabatim and Ilium at the end of the William Hill Futurity, so there should not be much between them now if they run true to form. However, that form still does not read as well as El Gran Señor's this spring, or last autumn for that matter.

What of the remainder? Like El Gran Señor, Claude Monet is unbeaten, but unlike the favourite he has failed to impress this season. He is bred for the job, but for some reason a mile and a quarter looks just about his limit. Also the narrowness of his victories indicates that his form is not good enough, a point underlined by the failure in France on Sunday of Head For Heights who finished only a length behind him at York.

Kaytu, from the stable that came up trumps with Troy and Henbit, won the Chester Vase, which has been a reliable guide in recent years. This season, though, it looked rather substandard. It will come as a great surprise if any of the others are good enough to get involved on classic form instead of relying on the form of classic trials. I am also banking upon both being as effective over a mile and a half as they have already proved to be over a mile. That victory in the 2,000 Guineas was proof of El Gran Señor's exceptional ability.

Secreto ran an excellent race in the equivalent Irish classic to finish third, about half a length behing Sadler's Wells. That points to him running really well this afternoon without actually being good enough to beat El Gran Señor, who has always shown himself to be superior to Sadler's Wells in Ireland, both on the racecourse where they finished first and second in the Gladness Stakes

Piggott and Cecil to split

By Michael Seely

Lester Piggott and Henry Cecil, the leading Newmarket trainer, are to part company at the end of the season. The 11-times champion jockey will be riding freelance in 1985. It is understood that Steve Cauthen, the 24-year-old American jockey, who has been retained for the past six seasons by Barry Hills, the Lambourn trainer, will be engaged as the new contract rider with Warren Place.

"There is no question of my retirement," Piggott said yesterday. "I will go freelance next year. The split was inevitable since my rift with Mr Daniel Wildenstein. And I feel that it is the best thing for all concerned."

This rift occurred before last autumn's Prix l'Arc de Triomphe. Mr Wilderstein understood that Piggott had accepted the mount on All Along, but the jockey denied that any firm commitment had been made. "No man alive can treat me like that and get away with it," the enraged Parisian art millionaire said. "Piggott will never ride for me again." In the event Walter Swinburn rode All Along to victory not only in Paris, but also in the filly's three victories in North America.

Cauthen said at Salisbury yesterday: "I have had six great sessions with Barry and felt I would like to make a change." Hills commented: "Naturally I am terribly disappointed. Steve's been with me for nearly six seasons and I have no plans to replace him at the moment."

The irony of the whole situation is that it is because of Piggott's split with Mr Wildenstein that he has been free to take the mount of Alphabatim in this afternoon's Derby. Cauthen, of course, is riding the less-fancied Claude Monet for Cecil and Mr Wildenstein.

Michael Seely's A to Z guide to the big-race runners

ALPHABATIM bc. Verbatim – Morning Games (Grey Dawn II)
Marvelous chance mount for Lester Piggott. Expect to see the 48-year-old all-time Epsom genius make an early break for gold on Guy Harwood's resolute galloper as the jockey seeks to claim his tenth Derby triumph and equal Frank Buckle's record of 27 classic victories. Tough, courageous and by no means devoid of speed. Looks certain to be placed if recent stable lean spell can be disregarded.

AT TALAQ bc. Roberto – My Nord (Gent Du Nord)
Richard Hills rides Tom Jones's second string to Ilium showed stamina and courage to finish second over course and distance in Warren Stakes but should not be good enough.

CATALDI bc. Wolver Hollow – Gerona (Herero)
Tony Clark takes the mount on Alphabatim's pacemaker.

CLAUDE MONET ch. Affirmed – Madelia (Caro)
Steve Cauthen bids for first Derby placing on the unbeaten tall, lanky son of the 23-year-old American jockey's 1978 American Triple Crown partner. Quickened nicely before claiming York's Mecca-Dante Stakes narrowly from Hatim. Unlike Wollow and Hello Gorgeous, Henry Cecil's previously strongly fancied big-race candidate will not fail for lack of stamina, but needs to find at least 7lb.

ELEGANT AIR bc. Shirley Heights – Elegant Tern (Sea-Bird II)
Tough and experienced representative of Paul Mellon and Ian Balding, previously successful in 1971 with Mill Reef. Staying on when close sixth in Mecca-Dante Stakes but lacks the ability to quicken, in this company. Will be strongly and capably ridden by the 41-year-old Bruce Raymond.

EL GRAN SENOR bc. Northern Dancer – Sex Appeal (Backpasser)
A devastating performance in the 2,000 Guineas immediately stamped Robert Sangster's superbly relaxed athlete as being cast in the same mould as Sir Ivor and Nijinsky as master trainer Vincent O'Brien bids for an incredible seventh Epsom Derby triumph. Stamina as yet untested, but El Gran Senor is that modern phenomenon, an American-bred 10 furlong horse of pedigree, who appears certain to outclass his rivals. Sure to start at odds-on to credit Pat Eddery with his third Derby.

ILIUM. Bc Troy – Glamour Girl (Riverman)
Tony Murray, previously third on Giacometti and second on Dickens Hill – bids to compensate Tom Jones for the Newmarket trainer's 1982 defeat with Touching Wood on the handsome son of 1979 winner, Troy. Rewarded trainer's patience and confirmed two-year-old promise when beating Prime Assett in Goodwood's Predominate Stakes. Sure to run well, but lacks top mile-and-a-half pace.

KAYTU. Bc High Top – Arawak (Seminole II)
Attempting to become third Chester Vase winner in past five years to capture Derby. Showed dramatic improvement when producing a strong late run to overwhelm Alleging and Falstaff. Is quietly fancied by Britain's outstanding classic trainer, Dick Hern, who together with Willie Carson will be bidding for a third big-race win. Sure to get the trip and holds a sound each-way chance.

LONG POND. Chc Rarity – Raindrops (King's Troop)
Paul Kelleway's gallant Blue Riband trial stakes winner was subsequently reported to have been struck into when finishing a disappointing seventh to Claude Monet in Mecca-Dante. "At least he's won over the course," says the flamboyant Newmarket trainer. Sure to be well ridden by the strong and determined George Duffield.

MIGHTY FLUTTER. Brc. Rolfe – Lettuce (So Blessed)
David Elsworth's dark horse is a half-brother to the stable's 1983 Lincoln Handicap and Royal Hunt Cup winner, Mighty Fly. Having only the third race of his career when landing a gamble in competitive Newbury maiden. Has only outside chance for continuing Brian Rouse's magnificent season.

MY VOLGA BOATMAN, bc. Riverman – Belle Forella (Ribot)
Good outsider for the formidable (Shergar) team of Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn. Reportedly nearly brought down before finishing fourth to Ilium in misty-shrouded Predominate Stakes at Goodwood. In opinion of jockey, "Would nearly have won," so may represent sound value as his colour and price of 40-1.

NORTHERN FRED. ro c. Northern Jove – Not What It Seems (Sham).
Busy and much travelled French trained three-year-old with two early-season victories to his credit at Cagnes-sur-Mer. Recently demoted to second place after winning at Rome in May. Forlorn hope for jockey Gary Moore, son of 1967 hero, George.

PIGWIDGEON. bc. For The Moment – Ghost Rider (Gray Phantom)
Greville Starkey, not yet 100 per cent fit after his Kempton accident, steps down from Alphabatin to ride stable second string. Third in Newmarket's Heathorn Stakes but likely to be outclassed.

SASSANOCO. bc. Nonoalco – Sassanian (Sassafras)
As at Goodwood, Trevor Roger rides Ilium's pacemaker.

SECRETO. bc. Northern Dancer – Milly's Secret (Secretariat)
David O'Brien, having won the French and Irish Derbys in 1982 with Assert, now bids for a treble with recent Irish 2,000 Guineas close third to Sadler's Wells. Backed to win £250,000 on Monday. Ran as if needed further at The Curragh and represented classic form. Christy Roche rides.

SHEER HEIGHTS. br c. Shirley Heights – Sheer Bliss (St Paddy)
Last seasons European champion apprentice, Richard Quinn, partners Paul Cole's promising son of 1978 winner. Staying on well when fifth to Ilium at Goodwood and looks sure to win races, but should not be good enough here.

TELIOS. ch c. Mill Reef – Stilvi (Derring-do)
The seventh foal of the remarkable Stilvi, Telios is a half brother to Tachypous, Tolmi and the 1980 Irish Derby winner, Tyrnavos. Respectable third to Lear Fan in Craven Stakes, and was badly hampered when disappointing behind Claude Monet at York.

MY FINAL VERDICT 1, EL GRAN SENOR (nap). 2, Alphabatim. 3, My Volga Boatman.

Tony Murray, the rider of Ilium

Michael Stoute, who trains My Volga Boatman

RIPON

GOING: good
Draw: 5f, 6f: Low; 8f and over: High numbers best

7.0 SAPPER STAKES (2-y-o: £2,458: 6f) (17 runners)
1 1 GREAT REEF (D) R Sheather 9-8 .... R Cochrane 4
5 001 PECKITTS WELL M W Easterby 9-0 .... K Hodgson 7
6 1 WORKADAY C Gray 9-0 .... O Gray 1
9 0 BALLI SPRINGS M H Easterby 8-11 .... M Birch 11
10 0 BONNY PRINCE IVOR P Calver 8-11 ..... M Beechcroft 14
12 COMRADE KEMPINSKI S Norton 8-11 .... J Lowe 8
15 FREE PERCH W Wharton 8-11 .... W Wharton 17
16 6 GLEN-ROY-BOY F Carr 8-11 .... C Dwyer 15
17 3 GREEMONT (BF) J W Watts 8-11 .... N Connorton 16
19 00 HOBOURNES J Wilson 8-11 .... M Wigham 5
20 0 HOMBRE C Thornton 8-11 .... J Bleasdale 10
22 MY FIRST BILLION J Berry 8-11 .... K Darley 13
23 NORTHERN RULER Denys Smith 8-11 .... M Fry 9
28 6 PENZANCE PIRATE C Brittain 8-11 .... G Sexton 2
29 ROYBROOK W Haigh 8-11 .... – 6
33 000 CANDY ROSE P Kelleway 8-8 .... Gay Kelleway 5 3
36 RALLUME M Lambert 8-8 .... D Oldham 12
5-2 Great Reef, 7-2 Workaday, 4 Greemont, 6 Peckitts Well, 8 Hocbra, 10 Ball Springs, 12 Candy Rose, 14 others.

Ripon selections

By Mandarin
7.00 Great Reef. 7.25 Fighting Jimmy. 7.50 Singing High. 8.20 Timewaster. 8.50 Young Knight. 9.20 Patter.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
7.00 Great Reef. 7.50 Qualifair Prince. 8.20 Halcyon Cove. 8.50 Fozze. 9.20 Old Alex.

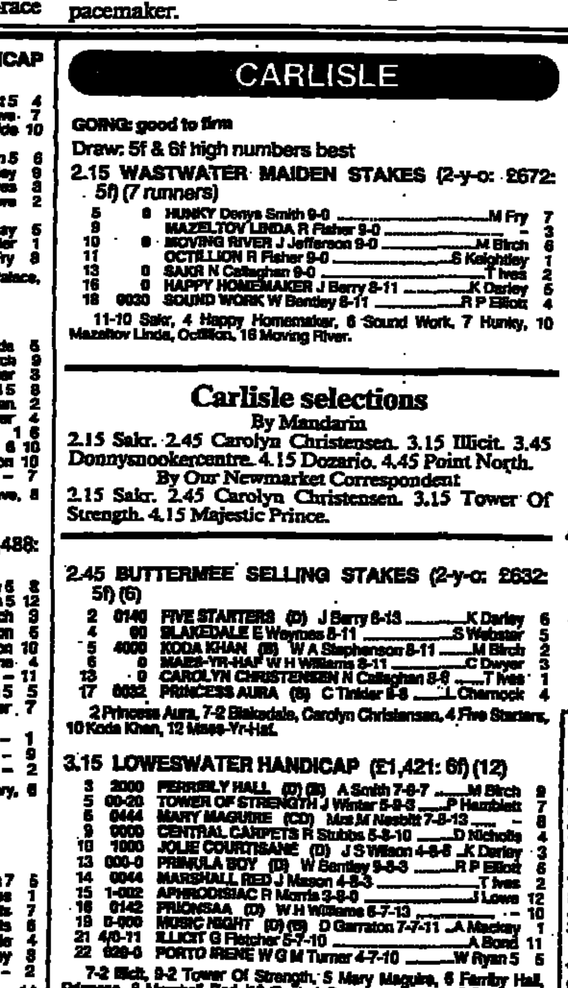
7.25 CLARO SELLING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,310: 6f) (13)
3 00-00 TOPSIOLA R Hollinshead 9-7 .... S Perks 5
4 0204 DADDY'S PLEASURE (BF) P Brookshaw 9-6
M Miller 12
5 20-00 BROON'S LADY (D) G Lockerbie 9-2 .... – 1
6 0-002 FIGHTING JIMMY (BF) D A Wilson 9-1 ... M Rimmer 7
7 0000 RICHARD'S RETURN (B) Hbt Jones 8-13 ... K Darley 8
8 000-0 CROSBY LOVE E Carr 8-13 .... – 4
9 00-00 JUST A THOUGHT M H Easterby 8-13 .... Birch 13
10 000-0 PETER'S KIDDIE (B) K Morgan 8-13 ..... P Bradwell 10
12 4040 RETURN-TO-JALNA E Alston 8-11 .... – 6
14 0000 HUYTON'S HOPE T Taylor 8-11 .... – 2
15 0000 LITTLE WIZARD (B) Mrs M Nesbitt 8-10 .... – 3
17 0-004 GODS LAW (B) A Smith 8-7 .... M Wigham 9
18 0-000 HOME AND TRADE (B) B McMahon 8-2 ... A Mackay 11
3 Fighting Jimmy, 4 Daddy's Pleasure, 5 Topsiola, Just A Thought, 7 God's Law, 10 Broon's Lady, Crosby Love, 12 others.

7.50 FREEDOM OF CITY OF RIPON HANDICAP (£2,929: 1m 2f) (10)
1 0-020 GRAND UNIT (D) E Eldin 6-9-11 .... E Guest 5 4
2 0-000 KAMIR A Jarvis 4-8-13 .... J Lowe 7
3 321-0 SINGING HIGH (C) J Fitzgerald 4-8-13 .... E Hide 10
4 0-014 FLYING SCOTSMAN (D) R Hollinshead 4-8-13
W Ryan 5 6
5 2020 MARSHALLA J Wilson 4-8-11 .... K Darley 9
7 0043 QUALITAIR PRINCE (D) M Ryan 5-8-7 .... T Ives 3
8 0000 MAJESTIC STAR Miss S Morris 7-8-7 .... N Howe 2
9 31-21 SCOUTSMISTAKE (D) B McMahon 5-8-6 (5 ex)
A Mackay 5
10 4-404 KUWAIT PALACE (B) G Huffer 3-8-1 .... M Miller 1
11 1301 MUSIC WONDER D Plant 3-7-9 (5 ex) .... M Fry 8
7-4 Qualitair Prince, 3 Scoutsmistake 5 Grand Unit, 6 Kuwait Palace, 8 Music Wonder, 12 Singing High, 14 others.

8.20 DEVERELL STAKES (2-y-o: £1,295: 5f) (10)
1 0214 PHILIP (D) (B) N Tinkler 9-7 .... E Hide 5
4 13 MONTAGU MISS (D) Mrs M Nesbitt 8-8 .... M Birch 9
5 0 BABY SAGO J Parkes 8-6 .... S Webster 3
6 32 HALYCON COVE A Bailey 8-6 .... P Bloomfield 5 8
8 6 OWEN'S PRIDE D Plant 8-6 .... B Coogan 2
9 QUALITAIR BOY K Stone 8-6 .... C Dwyer 4
10 RESTORATION A Jarvis 8-6 .... J Lowe 1 6
13 d1 TIMEWASTER (D) J Berry 9-7 .... K Darley 6 10
14 32 KAKISA M Camacho 8-3 .... N Connorton 10
15 0 MA GIGI Hbt Jones 8-3 .... – 7
9-4 Kakisa, 100-30 Philip, 9-2 Timewaster, 6 Halycon Cove, 8 Restoration, 10 Montague Miss, 12 others.

8.50 PRINCESS ROYAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,488: 1m) (12)
4 3000 SINGING BOY C Spares 9-7 .... K Willey 5 8
5 0-200 MARSHALDIRECTORY A Jarvis 9-7 .... T Jarvis 5 12
6 0-022 YOUNG KNIGHT M H Easterby 9-6 .... M Birch 3
12 00-00 ROCABAY BLUE M Camacho 9-2 .... G Sexton 6
13 440-0 OVER BOWLED J W Watts 9-2 .... N Connorton 10
14 04-00 FILLE DE BOURBON D Laing 9-1 .... R Cochrane 4
15 00-00 UP BROADWAY R Armstrong 8-13 .... – 11
17 00-24 RIEVAUX RAVER W Wharton 8-13 .... W Ryan 5 5
19 000-0 FOZZE G Huffer 8-10 .... M Rimmer 7
20 0-001 AIREDALE TRAVEL (D) M W Easterby 8-10 (5 ex)
– 1
21 0000- MINNIE FULLER E Incisa 8-9 .... – 9
27 00-02 CAPTAIN TOMBIE Miss S Hall 7-12 .... – 2
11-4 Airedale Travel, 3 Young Knight, 9-2 Marshaldirectory, 6 Captain Tombie, 8 Fozze, 10 Over Bowled, 12 others.

9.20 UBIQUE STAKES (£2,349: 1m 2f) (7)
1 60/ GALLANT NATIVE (B) W G Morris 4-9-3
W Morris 7 5
11 0 OLD ALEX C Brittain 3-8-3 .... T Ives 1
12 0-304 PATTER W Elsey 3-8-3 .... D Nicholls 7
14 RANCHER C Thornton 3-8-3 .... A Mills 6
20 0 PUEBLO C Thornton 3-8-0 .... J Bleasdale 4
21 040 SMOKE CREEK G Wragg 3-8-0 .... B Crossley 3
22 0400 THATCHOVA T Barron 3-8-0 .... – 2
13-8 Smoke Creek, 5-2 Old Alex, 4 Patter, 7 Pueblo, 8 Thatchova, 14 Rancher, 20 Gallant Native.



CARLISLE

GOING: good to firm
Draw: 5f & 6f high numbers best

2.15 WASTWATER MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £672: 5f) (7 runners)
5 0 HUNKY Denys Smith 9-0 .... M Fry 7
9 MAZELTOV LINDA R Fisher 9-0 .... – 3
10 0 MOVING RIVER J Jefferson 9-0 .... M Birch 6
11 OCTILLION R Fisher 9-0 .... S Keightley 1
13 0 SAKR N Callaghan 9-0 .... T Ives 2
16 0 HAPPY HOMEMAKER J Berry 8-11 .... K Darley 5
18 0030 SOUND WORK W Bentley 8-11 .... R P Elliott 4
11-10 Sakr, 4 Happy Homemaker, 6 Sound Work, 7 Hunky, 10 Mazeltov Linda, Octillion, 16 Moving River.

Carlisle selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Sakr. 2.45 Carolyn Christensen. 3.15 Illicit. 3.45 Donnysnookercentre. 4.15 Dozario. 4.45 Point North.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Sakr. 2.45 Carolyn Christensen. 3.15 Tower Of Strength. 4.15 Majestic Prince.

2.45 BUTTERMEE SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £632: 5f) (6)
2 0140 FIVE STARTERS (D) J Berry 8-13 .... K Darley 6
4 00 BLAKEDALE E Weymes 8-11 .... S Webster 5
5 4000 KODA KHAN (B) W A Stephenson 8-11 .... M Birch 2
6 0 MAES-YR-HAF W H Williams 8-11 .... C Dwyer 3
13 0 CAROLYN CHRISTENSEN N Callaghan 8-8 .... T Ives 1
17 0032 PRINCESS AURA (B) C Tinkler 8-8 .... L Charnock 4
2 Princess Aura, 7-2 Blakedale, Carolyn Christensen, 4 Five Starters, 10 Koda Khan, 12 Maes-Yr-Haf.

3.15 LOWESWATER HANDICAP (£1,421: 6f) (12)
3 2000 FERRIBLY HALL (D) (B) A Smith 7-8-7 .... M Birch 9
5 00-20 TOWER OF STRENGTH J Winter 5-8-8 .... P Hamblett 7
6 0444 MARY MAGUIRE (CD) Mrs M Nesbitt 7-8-13 .... – 8
9 0000 CENTRAL CARPETS R Stubbs 5-8-10 .... D Nicholls 4
10 1000 JOLIE COURTISANE (D) J S Wilson 4-8-6 ... K Darley 3
13 000-0 PRIMULA BOY (B) W Bentley 9-8-3 .... R P Elliott 6
14 0044 MARSHALL RED J Mason 4-8-3 .... T Ives 2
15 1-002 APHRODISIAC R Morris 3-8-0 .... J Lowe 12
16 0142 PRIONSAA (D) W H Williams 6-7-13 .... – 10
19 0-000 MUSIC NIGHT (D) (B) D Garraton 7-7-11 .. A Mackay 1
21 4/0-11 ILLICIT G Fletcher 5-7-10 .... A Bond 11
22 020-0 PORTO IRENE W G M Turner 4-7-10 .... W Ryan 5 5
7-2 Illicit, 9-2 Tower Of Strength, 5 Mary Maguire, 6 Ferriby Hall, Prionsaa, 8 Marshall Red, 10 Central Carpets, 12 Aphrodisiac, Music Night, 16 others.

3.45 BASSENTHWAITE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,761: 1m) (9)
1 3144 RABIRIUS W Bentley 9-7 .... M Wood 9
5 0610 PYTHAGORIAN R Stubbs 9-4 .... T Ives 1
8 0-041 DONNYSNOOKERCENTRE E Weymes 9-0 (5 ex)
E Guest 5 7
11 0-103 CAMDEN LAD R Hollinshead 8-12 .... S Perks 3
12 4000 ABA NABEEM S Norton 8-11 .... J Lowe 4
13 000- HABAT'S MELODY C Booth 8-10 .... G Oldroyd 5
19 00-04 HIGHVIEW D Chapman 8-5 .... D Nicholls 2
20 0-000 THE MANOR E Alston 8-0 .... S P Griffiths 7 8
21 0000 RUFCHA (B) D Sasse 7-13 .... K Darley 6
11-4 Camden Lad, 7-2 Donnysnookercentre, 9-2 Pythagorian.

4.15 ENNERDALE WATER MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £857: 1m 1f 80yd) (12)
3 3 DOZARIO J Jefferson 9-0 .... M Birch 2
14 30-04 LORD LUDO D Garraton 9-0 .... B Coogan 6
15 0-000 MAJESTIC PEACE G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ..... T Ives 4
19 00-00 PENINSULA KING E Eldin 9-0 .... A Mackay 3
21 00 SHARPVILLE E Weymes 9-0 .... S Webster 1
22 00-0 SILVER PROSPECT R Hollinshead 9-0 .... S Perks 11
29 CISSBURY M Prescott 8-11 .... C Nutter 9
30 HEATHERVALE Denys Smith 8-11 .... M Fry 5
31 KEEL N Callaghan 8-11 .... E Guest 5 8
32 32 NODOUBLE'S DANCER (BF) J W Watts 8-11
N Connorton 7
34 04 SABHIA G Huffer 8-11 .... I H Brown 5 10
36 000-0 SPORTS HEADLINES J Etherington 8-11 ..... M Wood 12
3 Nodouble's Dancer, 7-2 Majestic Peace, 9-2 Dozario, 11-2 Sabhia

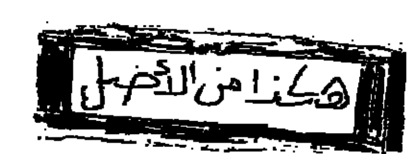
4.45 CRUMMOCK WATER HANDICAP (£1,783: 1m 4f) (7)
2 0-000 SHACKLE PIN W A Stephenson 4-9-8 .... S Perks 1
13 0-000 GRAY HEAT W Storey 8-8-2 .... O Gray 4
14 0240 POINT NORTH (D) W H Williams 6-8-2 .... – 5
15 00/0 HORSESHOE BAY T Cuthbert 4-7-12 ... D Leadbitter 7 7
16 0433 HYDRANGEA D Chapman 5-7-10 .... S P Griffiths 7 2
17 3-000 DUSTY PATH W Bentley 6-7-10 .... M Wood 3
19 0000- STAR ALLIANCE R Morris 8-7-7 .... A Mackay 6
11-8 Hydrangea, 3 Point North, 7-2 Shackle Pin, 7 Dusty Path.

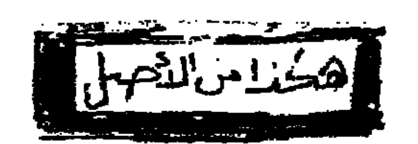
Course specialists

EPSOM
TRAINERS: G Lewis 13 winners from 47 runners, 27.7%; J Dunlop 17 from 65, 26.2%; H Cecil 7 from 28, 25.0%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott 36 winners from 139 mounts, 26.2%; W Carson 35 from 150, 23.3%; S Cauthen 25 from 121, 20.7%.

RIPON
TRAINERS: J Fitzgerald 8 winners from 38 runners, 21.1%; P Kelleway 6 from 29, 20.7%; R Armstrong 10 from 37, 27.0%.
JOCKEYS: T Ives 19 winners from 101 mounts, 18.8%; M Birch 33 from 231, 14.3%; M Miller 8 from 35, 22.9%.

CARLISLE
TRAINERS: M Prescott 16 winners from 59 runners, 27.1%; S Norton 11 from 53, 20.8%; J Etherington 6 from 47, 12.8%.
JOCKEYS: J Lowe 17 winners from 118 mounts, 14.7%; M Birch 13 from 104, 12.5%; K Darley 8 from 72, 11.1%.





Racing: other Epsom events

Piggott to start the big day in double form

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

No matter how he fares with Alphabatim in the big race, Lester Piggott should still enjoy Derby Day by winning the first two races on ADONIJAH (2.0) and SOLDIER ANT (2.30).

Following that impressive victory in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown nine days ago, Adonijah has to be the pretty confident selection to win the Diomed Stakes, which has been sponsored again by *Pacemaker International*.

Before that, Adonijah had also run well enough against Morcon in the Clive Graham Stakes at Goodwood to suggest that he will see off the four three-year-olds in today's field.

Soldier Ant's chance of winning the *Daily Mirror* Handicap is less cut and dried, but if Piggott can coax him to run as well as he did at Newbury midway through last month, when he completely outpointed the City and Suburban winner, My Tony, he should be thereabouts this afternoon.

If Pat Eddery wins the Derby on El Gran Señor his confidence will be sky-high when Jeremy Tree gives him the leg-up on Pennine Walk before the Woodcote Stakes. When he won at Newbury, Pennine Walk showed that he had learned a lot from his initial outing at Newmarket.

With Absent Chimes, Kieseritsky, Eagle's Landed, Standing Order, and Truly Great all standing their ground, the Great Surrey Stakes should develop into a really mad dash down the Epsom chute. This exceptionally fast track looks tailor-made to suit one so quick as ABSENT CHIMES, whose considerable early speed could easily have an unsettling effect on his rivals.

Finally, I expect the Craven Handicap to be won by GRAND HARBOUR, even though last year's winner, Steeple Bell, is in the line up again along with such proven performers as All Is Forgiven, Petong, Milk Heart, Swinging Rebel and Tree Fella. My selection ran really well in his first race of the season at Salisbury, to split Remorseless and Portogon.

EPSOM (Ch4)

[Televised: 2.0, 2.30, 3.30, 4.20]

GOING: good to soft

Draw: up to 1m 2f low numbers best.

TOTE: Double 3.30, 4.50. Treble 2.30, 4.20, 5.20.

2.0 PACEMAKER DIOMED STAKES (Group III: £19,635: 1m 110yd) (7 runners)

101	1304-00	MONTEKIN (P Winfield) J Dunlop 5-9-11	B Rouse	5
102	20-2321	ADONIJAH (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-9	L Piggott	4
105	00-0423	WELSH IDOL (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 4-9-3	G Duffield	7
107	343100	HARVARD (P Mellon) R Boss 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	6
108	0110-41	LUCKY SCOTT (D Rowland) P Cole 3-8-6	S Cauthen	1
111	334-331	FALSTAFF (H Keith) M Stoute 3-8-3	W R Swinburn	3
112	011	PREMIER COUP (C) (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 3-8-3	P Waldron	2

1983: Lofty 3-8-3 P Cook (5-1) Thomson Jones 6 ran.

5-4 Adonijah, 4 Welsh Idol, 5 Montekin, 7 Premier Coup, 12 Lucky Scott, 14 Falstaff, 20 Harvard.

FORM: MONTEKIN 9l 6th (9-4) to Nandino (9-3) in Germany last time, ran best race of 1983 when ½l winner (8-13) from ADONIJAH (8-6) at Goodwood (8f, £27,520, good, Aug 27, 8 ran). ADONIJAH (8-5) 3l winner from Erins Hope (8-11) over 1m 2f at Sandown (£18,675, soft, May 28, 9 ran). WELSH IDOL (9-1) 3l 3rd of 6 to deadheaters Cormorant Wood (9-5) and Wassl (9-8) at Newbury (8f, £11,978, good, May 19). Earlier WELSH IDOL (8-10) 4l 6th to Legend Of France (8-10) when ADONIHAH (8-10) was beaten ½l in 2nd and MONTEKIN (9-1) was last of 11 (Newmarket, 9f, £14,980, good to firm, Apr 18). HARVARD (9-0) about 12l 6th of 10 to El Gran Senor (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £44,219, good, Oct 14). LUCKY SCOTT (8-13) all out to beat Young Turk (8-13) ¾l at Bath (1m 2f, £3,303, firm, May 1, 7 ran). FALSTAFF 4l maiden winner (9-0) from Nabil (9-0) last time, earlier 4½l 3rd (8-7) to Alphabatim (9-0) at Sandown (1m 2f, £19,950, good to firm, Apr 28, 8 ran). PREMIER COUP (9-7) made all when 7l winner from Wise Crown (9-7) at Lingfield (7f, £2,180, good, May 11, 18 ran).

SELECTION: ADONIJAH.

Epsom selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Adonijah. 2.30 Soldiers Ant. 3.0 EL GRAN SENOR (nap). 4.20 Pennine Walk. 4.50 Absent Chimes. 5.20 Grand Harbour.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Adonijah. 2.30 Soldiers Ant. 3.30 Ilium. 4.20 Persian Pleasure. 4.50 Standing Order. 5.20 Petong.

Michael Seely's selections

2.0 Adonijah. 3.30 EL GRAN SENOR (nap). 5.20 Steeple Bell (each way).

2.30 DAILY MIRROR HANDICAP (£8,787: 1m 2f) (10)

201	/0104-0	CANNON KING (CD) (E Penser) J Dunlop 8-10-0	Pat Eddery	6
202	121-104	SPANISH PLACE (C St George) B Hills 4-9-9	S Cauthen	1
203	40-3419	SOLDIER ANT (D) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-9-3 (5 ex)	L Piggott	10
204	00-0103	FLORIDA SON (CD) (R Ogden) J Hanson 5-8-5	B Raymond	7
205	44-0221	BASIL BOY (B Haywood) R Hannon 5-7-13	W Carson	4
206	3-00123	MY TONY (CD) (E Holding) G Lewis 4-7-11	M L Thomas	3
207	2400-04	EQUANAID (V Kilkenny) C Nelson 4-7-10	M Hills	9
208	100-000	RIDGEFIELD (D) (R Doughty) D Thom 6-7-7	P Robinson	2
209	21-4400	NO-U-TURN (D) (S Tindall) S Mellor 6-7-7	D McKay	8
210	00-4000	REDDEN (CD) (K Evgeniou) B Swift 6-7-7	R Fox	5

1983: Florida Son 4-7-13 B Crossley (14-1) J Hanson 15 ran.

11-4 Basil Boy, 7-2 Soldier Ant, 9-2 Spanish Place, 11-2 My Tony, 7 Equanaid, 9 Cannon King, 12 Florida Son, 16 others.

SPANISH PLACE (9-0) 14½l 4th and CANNON KING (8-0) 8l further back last of 6 to Morcon (9-3) at Goodwood (1m 2f, £11,043, good to soft, May 22). In 1983 CANNON KING (9-1) 5½l 4th of 11 to Stanerra (8-12) at Ascot (1m 2f, £22,310, good to firm, June 14). Earlier this season SPANISH PLACE (8-13) clever ½l winner from Golden Flute (7-10) over 8f at Doncaster (£8,787, good, Mar 22, 10 ran). SOLDIER ANT 8th (8-8) to Adonijah (8-8) last time, previously won Newbury Handicap (9-10) when MY TONY (8-6) was beaten 2l in 3rd and RIDGEFIELD (8-4) was 10th of 14 (1m 3f, £3,980, good, May 19). FLORIDA SON (9-4) 2l 3rd to Miramar Reef (9-5) at Redcar (1m 2f, £1,143, good, May 28, 13 ran). BASIL BOY (8-5) ran on to beat Lobkowiez (8-2) 1l at Doncaster (1m 2f, £9,650, good to firm, May 7, 8 ran). MY TONY (7-12) course and distance winner by 4l from BASIL BOY (8-5) with SOLDIER ANT (9-10) ½l away in 3rd and REDDEN (8-5) short head 4th (£9,334, firm, Apr 24, 9 ran). EQUANAID (9-5) weakened inside last when 3l 4th of 12 to Socks Up (9-0) at Chepstow (1m 2f, £4,181, good, May 28). NO-U-TURN, 14l 5th (8-10) to True Heritage (7-9) last time, previously beaten under 4l into 6th (8-11) by Rangefinder (9-2) at Goodwood (1m 2f, £3,757, good, May 23, 15 ran).

SELECTION: BASIL BOY.

3.30 DERBY STAKES (Group I: 3-y-o: colts & fillies: £227,680: 1m 4f) (18)

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4.20 WOODCOTE STAKES (2-y-o: £3,902: 6f) (5)

401	04311	JOLLY BUSINESS (Mrs V Lewis) A Ingham 9-0	L Piggott	2
402	31	PENNINE WALK (S Niarchos) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery	4
403	11223	PERSIAN PLEASURE (BF) (B Sutton) R Boss 9-0	W R Swinburn	5
404	211	RUN WITH THE WIND (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	S Cauthen	1
407	62201	GWIFFINA (D) (Lady Matthews) Mrs Reavey 8-11	G Starkey	3

1983: Any Business 9-0 P Waldron (7-1) G Lewis 10 ran.

7-4 Jolly Business, 5-2 Pennine Walk, 7-2 Run With The Wind, 13-2 Gwiffina, 8 Persian Pleasure.

FORM. JOLLY BUSINESS (9-3) beat Edna Lawn (8-8) 1l (Catterick 5f, £1,230, firm, May 31, 5 ran). PENNINE WALK (8-11) ran on, beat Solo Native (9-4) 1½l (Newbury 6f, £2,580, good, May 18, 15 ran). PERSIAN PLEASURE (9-4) one pace, 8l 3rd of 6 to Star Video (9-4) (Salisbury 5f, £3,003, firm, May 9). RUN WITH THE WIND (9-4) short head winner from Odd Man Out (8-11) with JOLLY BUSINESS (8-11) 3rd of 8, beaten just under 1l (Kempton 5f, £2,580, good, May 7). GWIFFINA (8-11) beat Musical Maiden (8-11) 2l (Leicester 6f, 1,106, good to soft, May 28, 13 ran).

Selection: PENNINE WALK.

4.50 GREAT SURREY STAKES (2-y-o: £3,596: 5f) (5)

501	122211	ABSENT CHIMES (D) (B Hathaway) D Thom 9-3	P Robinson	2
502	21	KIESERITSKY (D) (K Hsu) R Armstrong 9-0	S Cauthen	3
504	12	EAGLE'S LANDED (D) (J Sung) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	4
506	21	STANDING ORDER (D) (R McAuley) B Hanbury 8-11	L Piggott	5
507	01	TRULY GREAT (D) (S Oon) R Smyth 8-11	P Waldron	1

1983: Clantime 9-5 W Carson (9-2) J Berry 7 ran.

13-8 Absent Chimes, 11-4 Standing Order, 9-2 Kieseritsky, 11-2 Eagle's Landed, 6 Truly Great.

5.20 CRAVEN HANDICAP (£6,555: 7f) (14)

601	1334-20	DOC MARTEN (R Griggs) A Hide 6-9-10	A Murray	8
602	03-0220	PIENCOURT (C) (Mrs E Richards) C Austin 6-9-9	B Rouse	5
603	10210-1	ALL IS FORGIVEN (B) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 4-9-8	P Robinson	10
604	1141-01	PETONG (T Warner) M Jarvis 4-9-2	B Raymond	1
605	0101-03	STEEPLE BELL (CD) (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) M Stoute 8-9-0	K Bradshaw 5	13
606	204-002	MILK HEART (C) (BF) (E Holding) G Lewis 5-8-13	L Piggott	3
608	31-4010	AMARONE (D) (V Advani) R Simpson 4-8-8	J Reid	6
609	00-0030	COME ON THE BLUES (D) (B) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 5-8-7	W Carson	7
610	0111-00	BOEZINGE (R Smyly) R Smyly 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	12
611	0800-00	PAPERETTO (D) (A Boon) B Hills 5-8-0	M Hills	4
615	0-40301	SWINGING REBEL (B) (D) (Mrs G Waddingham) N Vigors 6-7-9	T Williams 5	14
616	020-00	RUNAWAY LOVER (B) (J Horgan) R Hannon 3-7-7	A McGlone	2
617	30040-2	GRAND HARBOUR (J Boswell) L Cottrell 4-7-7	R Hills	11
619	2403-01	TREE FELLA (C Crossley) C Crossley 7-7-7 (6 ex)	—	9

1983: Steeple Bell 7-8-9 K Bradshaw (9-2) M Stoute 10 ran.

7-2 Petong, 9-2 Steeple Bell, 6 All Is Forgiven, Milk Heart, 8 Grand Harbour, 10 Tree Fella, Swinging Rebel, 12 Piencourt, 14 Boezinge, 16 others.

Salisbury Results

Going: good to soft

2.00 (7f) 1, HOPEFUL WATERS (W Carson 5-1 Fav); 2, Freebie (S Cauthen 8-1); 3, Kwa Zulu (P Cook 8-1); 4, Dame Peggy (J Reid 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Gracious Homes, 10 Tigerwood, 14 Hall's Prince, 16 C A Lighting, 20 Lakshmi Lady, Miss Eglantine, Moher, Mondoodle, Taw Crossing, 25 Allgate, Classic Owen, Camden Passage, Ozinsky, Fearless Mover, Boss Festas, No Double, 20 ran. 1l, 3l, 3l, ½, hd. J Spearing at Alcester. TOTE: £2.90, £1.10, £7.40, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £5.20. CSF: £39.34. Tricast £279.65. 1m 32.67 secs. Boss Festas finished 3rd but was disqualified.

2.30 (6f) 1, ALAKH (Pat Eddery 7-2 Fav); 2, Al Ameed (P Robinson 15-2); 3, Dawn's Delight (R Cochrane 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Non-Wet, 7 Young Inca (4th), 10 Numismatist (6th), 11 Bundaburg, 12 Gamblers Dream, 14 Ameghino (5th), Top O'The North, 16 Glen Kella Manx, 33 Donna Bellina, Close To You, Captiva. 14 Ran. 2l, 2l, nk, ¾l, ½l. J Tree at Marlborough. TOTE WIN: £3.30, £1.10, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £7.90. CSF: £30.35. Tricast £139.58. 1m 16.98 secs.

3.00 £2,826. 1, FOLLOW THE STARS (S Cauthen 6-1); 2, Music City (T Quinn 10-1); 3, Zaytoon (W Carson 9-4 Fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Tepeleni, 8 Cumrew (5th), Lady Kamina, 10 Sugar Palm, 14 Staravia, 16 Averon (4th), 33 Cordite Spear, 20 Monclare Trophy, Battyknowes (6th). 13 Ran. NR: General Anders. 1l, sh-hd, 2l, sh-hd, 1½l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. TOTE: £5.50, £2.00, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £19.30. CSF: £63.60. Tricast: £162.98. 2m 13.08 secs.

3.30 (1m) 1, PORTLAW (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, KINGS Island (D McHargue, 16-1); 3, Shoula (J McLean, 16-1); 4, Imperial Salute (R Hills 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Barry Sheene (5th), 9 Cautious Style, Verchinina, 10 Jamra, 12 Nicky Nick (5th), 16 Counting Season, 20 Sailing High, 33 Mafoo's Image, Lady Pretender, Asset, My Charade, Alkins. 16 ran. NR: Talk of Glory. Unga Longa. Head, 1l, 2½l, sh hd, 3l. J Tree at Marlborough. TOTE: £3.20. Pl: £1.30, £6.60, £3.30, £1.50. DF: £84.90. CSF £69.67. TriCast: £965.89. 1m 45.98 sec.

4.00 (5f) 1, DEVON DEFENDER (R Fox 12-1); 2, Adagio (S Cauthen 10-1); 3, Kiri (Pat Eddery 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav, Nuit d'Ete (4th), 9-2, Afrah (5th), 5 Anna-Louise, 9 Severe Frost, 14 Free On Board, Tora Tora, 25 Warren Row, 33 Anaidi, Arran Bay, Flying Scarlet, Madame Concorde, Mayumi, Meva, Mist Of Dalchully, Pink Blossoms, Raleigh Gazelle, Taj Singh (6th) Tewsgrove. NR: Morsque, Mrs Saugh. 21 Ran. Neck, head, head, ½l, 4l. D Elsworth, at Whitsbury. TOTE: £19.90 Pl: £3.80, £2.10. DF: £121.40. CSF £118.45. 1m 04.96 secs.

4.30 (1m4f) 1, LYKAION (Pat Eddery 11-2); 2, Broadleaf (T Rogers 33-1); 3, Whispering Grass (A Clark 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Green Rock (5th), 6 Pottstown (6th), 7 Brotherly, 16 Falcon Berry, Participation (4th), 20 County Line, Pharoah's Treasure, 33 Alias, Briane Boy, Hieronymous, Lector, Mythical Boy. 15 ran. 1½l, ½l, nk, 1l, 5l. J Tree at Marlborough. TOTE: £7.40. Pl £1.80, £6.10, £5.50. DF: £920.50. CSF £168.10. 2m 40.91 secs. PLACEPOT: £84.25.

Beverley

Going: Good.

2.15 (5f) 1, Maundy Gift (W Wharton, 12-1); 2, Parade Girl (6-1); 3, Just A Bit (8-1). John Fresh (3-1 fav). 1l, 2l. 17 ran. W Wharton. TOTE: £9.00; £2.20, £4.80, £5.50. DF: £60.10. CSF: £94.39. Bought in 2,000 gns.

2.45 (7f) 1, Sharp Remark (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 2, Grey Charm (25-1); 3, Nice One Andy (11-4 fav). 1½l, sh hd. 13 ran. B Hanbury. TOTE: £3.10; £1.10, £7.70, £1.40. DF: £222.70. CSF: £94.11. TRICAST: £303.24.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, Maildeour (W R Swinburn, 5-2 fav); 2, Alfie Dickins (11-1); 3, Sweetheart (10-1). 2½l, 1½l. 11 ran. J Fitzgerald. TOTE: £3.40; £2.00, £1.40, £3.40. DF: £16.50. CSF: £30.01. TRICAST: £221.93.

3.45 (5f) 1, Stamping Ground (T Ives, 7-4 fav); 2, Brampton Grace (4-1); 3, Cock-A-Smook (10-1). ½l, nk. 8 ran. W O'Gorman. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.24.

4.15 (1m) 1, Fenchurch Colony (M Birch, 15-8 fav); 2, Michael's Revenge (6-1); 3, Gulfland (3-1). 2½l, 4l. 12 ran. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £10.80. CSF: £14.66.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, Asderella (C Dwyer, 14-1); 2, Flaming Pearl (10-1); 3, Jersey Lily (7-1). Apedia (2-1 fav) 7l, ½l. 12 ran. W Elsey. Tote: £18.80; £3.70, £3.10, £2.10. DF: £157.80. CSF: £144.34.

5.10 (1m) 1, Balnaah (M Hills, 4-1); 2, Caballeros (7-1); 3, Thank You Fans (5-2 fav). 5l, hd. J Hindley. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £13.80. CSF: £32.87.

5.35 (1m 2f) 1, Swiss Franc Sweet (M Hindley, 33-1); 2, Amalee (4-1); 3, Gainsborough Lady (25-1). 4l, ½l. Magmann (13-8 fav). M W Easterby. Tote: £20.80; £3.10, £3.10, £1.50. DF: £127.80. CSF: £153.45.

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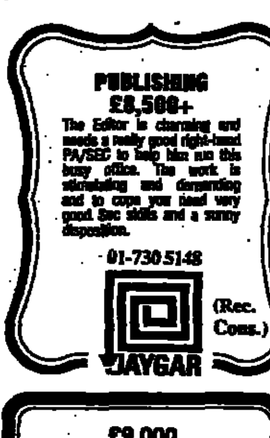

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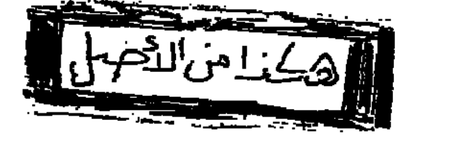

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Dated this 30th day of May 1984.
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NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2 on Wednesday, the 13th of day of June 1984, at 3.45 pm in the afternoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Committee of Inspection.

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Dated this 30th May 1984.
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Dated this 30th May 1984.
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Dated this 24th day of May 1984
N. J. Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator.

In the Matter of LIMECREST HEATING Limited

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DATED this 24th day of May 1984.

Re JEFF BRETT MOTOR CYCLES LIMITED

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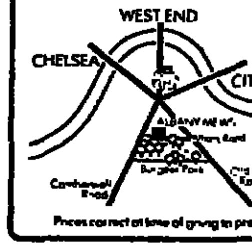

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

A barnyard scramble for old buildings to convert

By Christopher Warman
Property correspondent

Barns are a suitable case for conversion, and the increasing demand for them indicates that private individuals and developers alike share this view. An auction by Jackson-Stops and Staff at Moreton-in-Marsh in the Cotswolds last week illustrates the point and shows that the builder/developer does not always have the advantage over the individual.

One of the main lots was Holly Bush barns, at Broad Campden near Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, a listed Cotswold barn and traditional buildings with planning permission for conversion into one dwelling. Situated in about one acre, the main barn is 68 feet by 19 feet with a stable of about 30 feet by 18 feet nearby. Detailed planning permission for the barn provides a dwelling with four bedrooms, three bathrooms, drawing room, dining room and kitchen.

The initial guide price was £40,000 plus, but interest during marketing convinced Jackson-Stops and Staff that it could reach £50,000. At auction it went for £55,000 to a private buyer. That is quite a lot for a derelict barn, especially when – according to Peter Britton of Jackson-Stops and Staff – the conversion could cost up to £100,000.

Another property, the Old Bakery at Broadwell, Stow-on-the-Wold, which includes two unrestored cottages and a spacious Cotswold barn in one acre, again with high conversion potential, had a guide price of £75,000. It went for £107,000. This property interested a lot of builders and developers, who saw the possibility of a courtyard development, and they bid keenly. But after doing their sums and taking into account their need to make a profit, they can go only so high, and by the time the bidding reached £100,000 private buyers had left them behind.

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Mr Britton explained that if a private buyer is interested solely in the property for conversion for his or her own use as a home, he can often outbid the builder or developer, but he added that conversion is expensive and "always costs more than you expect. So the buyer has to do his own sums carefully."

The Old Bakery, like Holly Bush barns, was listed, as are many barns around the country. Now that VAT has been imposed on building alterations and improvements – with the exception of listed buildings, after the Government bowed to pressure to exempt them – listed buildings of all sorts, including barns, will have that added attraction. On an expensive conversion, a saving of 15 per cent VAT is a valuable incentive, and Mr Britton believes the prices at auction in part reflected this benefit.

The barn and outbuildings at Manor Farm Barn, Greatford, near Stamford, Lincolnshire, "ripe for conversion" and for sale through Strutt and Parker's Grantham office at around £25,000

The demand for barns noted by Jackson-Stops and Staff in the north Cotswolds is matched elsewhere. John D. Wood sold a small timber-framed listed barn at Langford, near Maldon, Essex, for more than the guide price of £30,000, while Stratton and Holborow saw a barn at St Clement, Truro, Cornwall, sold at auction, quickly fetching £33,000 after bidding opened at £20,000.

Last month R. H. and R. W. Clutton auctioned four barns among other property on the Wiston Estate, West Sussex, and all went for appreciably ore than the guide price, fetching between £28,000 and £48,000. All await planning concent for conversion, but in general local authorities look sympathetically on plans to make a single dwelling out of a barn. Theis is particularly so in the case of listed barns, where such a change of use is seen as the best way of preserving the building.

By coincidence, Jackson-Stops and Staff have for sale examples of the "finished product", barns which have been converted – one of them a single dwelling and the other a small development.

College Barn, at Temple Guiting near Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, was originally sold to an architect, who converted it into a home which has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a drawing room, study/fourth bedroom, and kitchen/dining room. The barn, of Cotswold stone with a slate roof, is believed to date back about 300 years, and offers around £110,000 are being sought by Lear and Lear's Chipping Campden office, and Jackson-Stops and Staff's Chipping Campden office.

The Manor Barns in the tiny village of Barcheston, Shipston-on Stour, were sold unconverted 12 month ago to a builder, who has created four imaginative homes in an L-shaped development. They range in price from £43,500 for a two-bedroomed cottage to £88,500 for one with four bedrooms and three reception rooms, and the interest in the properties indicates the demand for this sort of development when it is properly and sensitively done. The joint agents are Jackson-Stops and Robert Harper and Co., of Shipston-on-Stour.

Plaque of a horse

Back to the unconverted, Strutt and Parker's Grantham, Lincolnshire, office, are offering Manor Farm Barn, Greatford, near Stamford, Lincolnshire – a period barn with adjoining outbuildings suitable for conversion to provide one family house. Greatford is a conservation village in the valley of the River Glen, and the barn and outbuildings, which are close to the centre of the village, have been designated by the local planning authority as buildings of merit.

One of the buildings, a small square-hipped roofed building, displays a plaque of a horse, carved by Major C. C. L. Fitzwilliam during the 1930s and used for exhibitions at the Chelsea Flower Show to obtain orders for the embellishment of gardens. Offers around £25,000.

A brick and flint period barn at Shrewton, near Amesbury in Wiltshire, is for sale through Savills's Salisbury office.

Built on two floors offering about 1,360 square feet of floor space, the barn looks out over open fields in a quiet corner of the village. Planning consent for conversion to a single dwelling has been obtained, and Savills expert offers of about £50,000.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

A Georgian home in Hyde Park

■ The Business Woman of the Year 1984, Debbie Moore, is selling her Georgian home in the heart of Connaught Village near Hyde Park. Miss Moore was a successful model who is now chairman and managing director of the Pineapple Dance Studio. The five-storey house in Albion Street, London WC2, has a drawing room with a magnificent marble fireplace, dinning room, master bedroom and bathroom, three futher bedromms and a second bathroom. There is also a roof garden and a self-contained garden flat with patio garden. Anscombe and Ringland are asking £325.000

■ **Within earshot of the parliamentary division bell in Lord North Street, London SW1, a favoured location for MPs, George Trollope and Sons are asking around £240,000 for a Queen Anne house at Number 15. The modernized house retains orignal features including pine panelling, and includes four bedrooms.**

Artists' bower

■ Cotfords, Bedham, near Fittleworth, West Sussex, where Ford Madox Ford, founder of the *English Review*, and Stella Bowen, the Australian-born artist, lived in the 1920s, is for sale through King and Chasemore's Pulborough office at around £95,000. The delightful early seventeenth-century cottage – then called Coopers – saw a succession of visitors from the world of art and literature, including Ezra Pound, Alec Waugh, Clough Williams Ellis, Herbert Read, Margaret Cole, Douglas Goldring, Francis Meynell, David Garnett and Harold Munro. The smallholding with "two litters of pigs, 30 hens, 20 ducks, three goats and the old mare not to mention a cat and a dog", beloved of Ford Madox Ford, is now a garden, with woodland amounting to eight acres, and the cottage has two/three bedrooms, a sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room and cloakroom/utility room. From the property there is still the "immense view" over unspoiled countyside described by Stella Bowen in *Drawn from Life*.

■ **Lady Hayward, widow of the late Sir Charles Hayward, is selling the 23-year Crown lease of the Isle of Jethou in the Channel Islands, three miles from Jersey's capital, St Peter Port. This reoffer follows the failure of its purchaser earlier this year to proceed, and Strutt and Parker's London office and Lowell and Partners of Guernsey are asking more than £500,000 for the island and its four-bedroomed house. Jethou, a tax haven, is one of only three Channel Islands that can be exclusively occupied. It was the home of the late Sir Compton Mackenzie from 1920-1934.**

The Wormley Estate, Stokenchurch, Oxfordshire, which has a Grade II listed eighteenth century house, 17 other houses and cottages and a total of 1,748 acres, is for sale for more than £3m through Aylesford and Company of Chelsea, and Savills. The property occupies a complete valley in the Chilterns and is surrounded by a screen of trees giving total seclusion and privacy. Wormsley House, on the site of a house believed to date back to the twelfth century, has four reception rooms, eight bedrooms and five bathrooms. Except for a shore period after Adrian Scrope was executed in 1660 for regicide when the estate was forfeited, Wormley has remained in the Scrope family since the sixteenth century. Through marriage the estate passed to the Fane family, descending by direct line.

A growing trend

Most homes now have fitted cupboards and many have fitted kitchens, but a new idea to give further comfort and convenience to the house-owner is the fitted garden.

Taylor Woodrow Homes are "fitting" them at their new Abbeyfield development, Twyford Abbey Road, London NW10, where 160 apartments and 49 houses are being built on a green field site previously owned by the brewers Guinness.

To say that these are the first fitted gardens would be to invite a flood of letters pointing out their existence probably since the time of the Romans, but certainly Taylor Woodrow and Strawberry Hill Designs, who are responsible for the project, believe it is new.

Their introduction at the Abbeyfields development, where the first nine houses will have a fitted garden, is aimed not only at enhancing the visual appeal, but to test market reaction.

Buyers will have the choice of nine individual garden designs, out of a total of 15 different garden themes which range from the Japanese-style garden – the first to be tried at Abbeyfields – through various traditional styles to an Italianate design.

The project means that new home owners can move in knowing that the additional work of starting a garden has been taken care of, and all the gardens have been planned to look their best with minimum maintenance.

The Japanese garden has a patio built from timber sleepers, with a timber bridge crossing a small pool, and includes a rock garden and plants and shrubs chosen for year-round colour.

Mr Derek Mansfield, managing director of Strawberry Hill Designs of Twickenham, says this is the first time in the UK the concept of a fitted garden has been applied to a development. "The idea was dreamed up about three years ago, and we have been building them for private customers since then."

The patio gardens include an English cottage garden design and a couple of Lake District themes with small waterfalls, and there is a Roman atrium not being used at the development because of cost. One has a waterfall with a pool, but conscious that a pool would be inappropriate with small children another design simply has a waterfall "bacause people like to see water in their garden".

When planning gardens for a development, the firm looks at the site and the house styles to design gardens which will fit into the area. One of the benefits of building the gardens as the development proceeds is that the firm can bring machines in to do the heavy work, more difficult later.

For a small garden, about four metres by 10 metres, the cost of one of the theme gardens is about £2,500. For an average-size London garden, 30 metres by 10 metres, the cost would be between £3,500 and £4,000.

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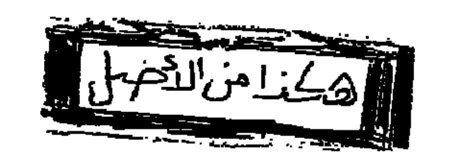
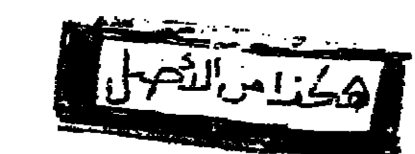




Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins. Also available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.30 Breakfast Time presented by Frank Bough and Selina Scott from Arromanches in Normandy. News on the hour and half from Fern Britton. With Dame Vera Lynn singing the songs that made her the forces' sweetheart; Frank Gillard on the role of a BBC War Correspondent and reviewing the newspapers of 1944; film actor Richard Todd talks about his role in the film The Longest Day; there is an interview with Bill Millin who piped the Allied forces ashore; and reporters Guy Michelmore and Paul Burdon talk to D-Day veterans about their memories of the day.

9.00 Claire Rayner's Casebook Pre-menstrual tension and post-natal depression are the problem page lady's subjects today (r) 9.25 Ceefax, 10.05 Gharbar. A magazine programme for Asian women. The programme includes a discussion about donating blood and organs. 10.30 Play School, presented by Wayne Jackman (r).

10.55 Cricket. Peter West introduces coverage of one of the quarter-final matches in the 55-overs-a-side Benson and Hedges Cup competition.

1.20 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 1.37 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.40 Gran (r). 1.45 Stop-Gol (r).

1.55 Cricket. Further coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final match.

2.25 D-Day: 40 Years On. The first of three live broadcasts presented by David Dimbleby. Raymond Baxter is the commentator at the service held at the British War Cemetery at Bayeux, attended by HM The Queen and President Mitterrand.

3.05 Cricket. Further coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final.

3.50 D-Day: 40 Years On. Live coverage of the ceremonies and military displays on Utah Beach, attended by HM The Queen, President Reagan, President Mitterrand and M Pierre Trudeau.

5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Silas Episode four of the drama serial about a young circus boy (Ceefax titles page 170).

5.40 News with Richard Whitmore. 6.00 Regional magazines.

6.20 D-Day: 40 Years On. HM The Queen at the climax of the British ceremonies, the site of the Mulberry Harbour.

7.20 Film: And Then There Were None (1974) starring Oliver Reed and Richard Attenborough. Thriller based on the Agatha Christie yarn about the eight house guests of a mysterious Mr Owen who are killed, one by one. Directed by Peter Collinson.

9.00 News with Sue Lawley.

9.25 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. Live coverage of the British Olympic athletics trials from Crystal Palace and highlights of last night's fight between Barry McGuigan and Esteban Eguis.

10.55 D-Day: 40 Years On. Highlights of the day's ceremonies celebrating the Allied landings on the Normandy beaches, 40 years ago today. David Dimbleby and Raymond Baxter set the scenes.

11.45 News, headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by John Stapleton and Nick Owen. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; exercise at 6.50 and 8.55; Charlie Chester's star romance at 6.40 and 8.15; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.13; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; Anne Shelton remembers D-Day at 7.40; Working Week pop video at 7.55; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.34; the Barbra Streisand story at 9.03; the champion jump jockey, John Francome previews today's premier flat race, the Derby.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: A generation gap. 9.47 The disposal of waste. 10.04 A day in the court of William the Conqueror. 10.21 The joy of poetry. 10.50 Ante-natal care. 11.10 A visit to Warwick Castle. 11.22 Basic maths. 11.40 History in terraced houses. 11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. Cartoon series.

12.00 D-Day Plus Forty, presented by Alastair Burnet. Live coverage of the day's ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of the Allied invasion of France.

1.00 News. 1.15 Thames news. 1.25 D-Day Plus Forty. Further coverage of the services and ceremonies in Normandy attended by HM The Queen, President Reagan, President Mitterrand, and M Pierre Trudeau.

2.45 The Derby. Live coverage of the premier flat race, introduced by Brough Scott at Epsom. In the paddock, casting his experienced eye over the runners is John Oaksey; the race commentator is Graham Goode.

4.00 Atarah's Music. The recorder. 4.15 Dangermouse. The secret service mouse in another battle with the evil Baron Greenback (r). 4.20 Andy Robson. First-rate drama serial about a young boy sent to live in rural Northumberland (r).

4.50 Razzmatazz. Alastair Pirrie with another edition of the pop music, interviews, games and news programme. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee looks at the legal rights of tenants who wish to have their council house repaired.

6.35 Crossroads. Paul Ross learns the innermost secrets of Diane Hunter and flattery turns the head of Mavis Hooper.

7.00 D-Day Plus Forty. Highlights of the day's events and ceremonies marking the 40th anniversary of the Allied landing in Normandy.

7.30 Coronation Street. Deirdre decides to appeal to the better nature of Billy Walker over her affair with Mike Baldwin (Oracle titles page 170).

8.00 Jim Davidson's Special. Comedy and music show presented by the cockney comedian. Among his guests are Frank Carson, Lindisfarne, Windsor Davis and Melvyn Hayes.

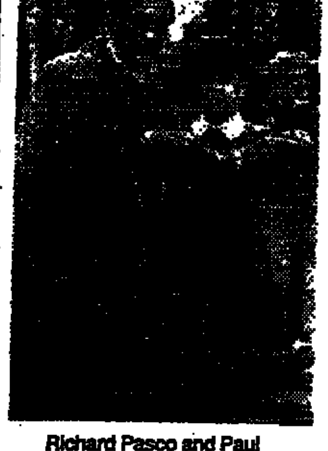
9.00 Sorrell and Son. The first episode of a six-part drama adapted from the novel by Warwick Deeping (see Choice) (Oracle titles page 170).

10.00 News.

10.40 Nan Red. A documentary about the British and Canadian D-Day forces who landed on the Normandy beach of St Aubin – codenamed Nan Red (Oracle titles page 170).

11.40 Callahan – Appointment in Rangoon. A super-hero saves the world yet again.

12.10 Night Thoughts.



Richard Pasco and Paul Critchley (ITV, 9.00 pm)

CHOICE

● Time has not dealt kindly with Warwick Deeping's novel SORRELL AND SON. Happily, the book fares better in the hands of Yorkshire Television whose six-part adaptation begins tonight (ITV, 9.00). The adapter is Jeremy Paul whose dramatization of the Sherlock Holmes stories, currently being screened on ITV, shows that the successful re-presentation of other men's works is not just a matter of stitching together the original dialogue. Indeed, had Mr Paul done that with Sorrell and Son, which is filled with lines that almost creep shamefacedly off the printed page, the result might have been as embarrassing for the actors as for us. Ultimately, your enjoyment of the serial will depend on how easily you can swallow the idea of a man exclusively devoting all his time, energy and money to providing a gentleman's education for his son. If any actor can convince us that this magnificent obsession does not border on dottiness, that actor is Richard Pasco.

● TIMEWATCH (BBC 2, 8.00pm) reminds us that among the more ingratiating features of Kaiser Wilhelm II's character was his habit of snipping through his generals' braces, squatting on the stomach of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and publicly slapping the King of Bulgaria on the backside. On the debit side, the entries were many and dreadful: they included a hatred of the Jews that was of Hitlerian proportions. This fanaticism, it is suggested, is one of the perversions that could have a basis in the Kaiser's difficult birth that left him both crippled and brain-damaged. And this astonishing film even cites these defects as a remote cause of the First World War.

● PASSAGE TO BRITAIN (Channel 4, 6.00pm), the 12-part film series about immigration, tonight sees the first of three documentaries about Indians in a British context, starting with the days of the Raj, and ending with a largely optimistic account of the integration of Asians into British community life. Not all the judgments are as facile as that of the Indian steel tube tycoon who, with an eye on the small businessman running the corner shop, concludes that the main contribution the Indians have made has been to turn Britain from an eight-hour day country to a 16-hour a day country. It is left to Enoch Powell to put immigration during the 1960s into its historical context, which he does with complete objectivity.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: King Frederick and Voltaire. 6.30 The Greek Liturgy. 6.55 Inorganic Chemistry: Bonding. 7.20 The Ghent Altarpiece. 7.45 Fossils of Dinosaurs. Ends at 8.10.

9.10 Daytime on Two: An introduction to higher education courses. 9.38 Science: Floating 'B'. 10.00 Children miming. 10.15 CSE maths at work. 10.40 Mindstretchers. 10.45 Ceefax. 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 A Jamaican family look for prosperity in London and other parts of Britain. 11.39 Statistics: Simulation.

12.05 Tele-Montage. The fourth programme of eight featuring excerpts from French-speaking television networks. 12.30 Coping with widowhood. 12.55 Polymer engineering.

1.20 Ceefax. 2.01 How birds fly. 2.18 Materials 'B'. With subtitles for the hearing impaired. 2.40 Athletic animals. 3.00 Ceefax.

3.55 Play School, presented by Jane Hardy. 4.20 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop. Cartoon series (r) (Ceefax titles page 170).

4.40 Take Two. Josephine Buchan presents this junior Points of View with, this week, the programmes under discussion being the Saturday Picture Show and The Time of Your Life.

5.05 Cricket. Live coverage of the closing stages of a Benson and Hedges quarter-final match.

7.30 News summary with subtitles.

7.35 Facing Up To Forty: The Best We Can do. Judith Hann ends her series on the art of delaying the inevitable with an examination of diets and how they can help to slow down the aging process.

8.00 Timewatch presented by John Tusa who examines the Beveridge Report. Christopher Andrew reports on the private papers of Kaiser Wilhelm II (see Choice).

9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King discovers the entertaining side of Kansas City.

9.30 Stage Door Canteen. A nostalgic trip back to the wartime Stage Door Canteen, re-created at the Lyceum in London. Sarah Kennedy introduces Herb Miller and his Band; the Ted Heath Band; a jitterbug demonstration; Sian Philips with the toast from Noël Coward's Cavalcade and, of course, Dame Vera Lynn.

10.30 Ebony. Neil Kinnock emphasizes his opposition to the proposals for separate black sections in the Labour Party.

11.00 Newsnight.

11.45 Cricket. Highlights from one of today's Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final matches.

12.10 Open University: Conflict, or How Nelson Planned to Fight the Battle of Trafalgar. 12.35 Brazil: Manufacturing the Miracle. Ends at 1.05.

CHANNEL 4

1.30 Racing from Epsom introduced by Brough Scott. Live coverage of four races – the Pacemaker Diomed Stakes (2.00) the Daily Mirror Handicap Stakes (2.30); the Ever Ready Derby Stakes (3.30); and the Woodcote Stakes (4.20).

4.45 World of Animation.

5.00 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the non-stop anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by Jan Vallance from Whitfield, in Manchester.

5.30 Great Walks. The final hike of the series is over the Torridon Hills in Wester Ross. Allan Thornton, Jenny Mackay and Alistair Cross walk the horseshoe-shaped circuit of Ben Alligin. The trek encounters two main peaks and three craggy horns – enough to daunt all but the most serious walker.

6.00 Passage to Britain. The eighth programme in the series is the first of a group of three films looking at immigration to this country from the Indian sub-continent. Tonight's film examines the pattern of relationships between Indians, the Empire, and the recent history of Indian immigration to this country (see Choice).

6.30 Wheels, Wings and Water. The first of a new series of sports programmes, presented by David Wilkie and Sarah Temple-Smith. Among the items this evening are boating on waterways and canals; the Milk Race, Britain's foremost cycle race; and a demonstration of hang gliding by Judy Leden.

7.00 News includes a report from Trevor McDonald in California on the latest primary result in race to be the Democratic candidate for the presidency.

7.50 Comment. The political spot this week is filled by the Conservative MP for Richmond and Barnes, Jeremy Hanley.

8.00 Brookside. Sheila finally finds the moment to tell Bobby her exciting news.

8.30 Diverse Reports. Duncan Campbell of City Limits examines Britain's arms trade while Tim Hodlin reports from behind the lines at North London Polytechnic.

9.00 Six Centuries of Verse. Programme six features the work of three metaphysical poets – John Donne, George Herbert and Andrew Marvell.

9.30 Film: A Thousand Little Kisses (1980). An Israeli-made film about the search by a young woman to find the true identity of her late father and of her mother's struggle to retain the exclusive affection of her daughter. Directed by Mira Recanti.

11.20 Visions. African cinema is the subject of tonight's programme and in particular that of Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Mozambique.

12.20 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves and studio guests.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits the Channel Islands. Questions from gardeners on the island of Alderney.
10.30 Morning Story: "The Hitch-Hiker" by Roald Dahl. Read by Brian Gear.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Vrystaatli Paul Parallel; The lake in the Martin examines the effects of the world's sports boycott policy against South Africa.
11.48 Just Like You and Me. Johnny Morris recalls 25 years with dealing with animals – "Suck it and see".
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Deep Six (A serial in six parts by John Fletcher (3).†12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes an interview with an organist of international repute – Jennifer Bate. There is also the second episode of Squeak, written by, and read by, John Bowen.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Prodigal. By Elizabeth Cross. With Anna Massey, Lee Montague, and Michael O'Connor. Drama about the problems that parents face in coping with their own delinquent children.†
3.47 In The Family. Three programmes in which a notable ancestor is recalled by a notable descendent. Today, Nigel Nicolson on John Frederick Sackville, Third Duke of Dorset.
4.00 News; File on 4.
4.40 Story Time: "Laughing Gas" by P. G. Wodehouse (3). The reader is David McAlister.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 My Music, music panel game. Steve Race puts questions to Ian Wallace and Denis Norden, and John Amis and Frank Muir.†
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint with Roger Cook.
7.45 D-Day: 6 June 1944. Frank Windsor presents a radio documentary which recounts the dramatic story of the most momentous day in the history of Western civilization. There are contributions from many of those who took part in the Normandy landings.
9.15 Analysis. Hugo Young examines the state of the Labour Party.
10.00 Kaleidoscope. Arts Magazine. Includes items on the first International Feminist Book Fair, at Covent Garden; and Alice Walker's book In Search of our Mother's Gardens.
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: "Falls the Shadow" by Emanuel Litvinoff (13).
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
England: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: 10.45 Radio History. 11.05 Singing Together. 11.25 Movement and Drama 2. 11.45 Mother Tongue Song and Story. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 The Music Box. 2.15 Introducing Geography. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind. 2.45 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Asian Links (3). 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Hazlitt as Literary Critic. 11.50 Education Bulletin. 12.30am-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Voix de France (25 & 26).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part one. Nielsen's Fynsk Forar (with soloists Hansen, Westi, and Danish State Radio LSO and Choir); Delibes's (arr Dohanyi) Nalia Waltz (Kentner, pianist); Bach's Fugue in G major, BWV 577 (Marie-Claire Alain, organ); Copland's Four Dance Episodes (Rodeo). 18.00 News
8.05 Your Midweek Choir: part two. Paganini's Sonata with Variations on theme of Weigl (Accardo, violin); Beethoven's Trio, Op 11 (Meyer/Schiff/Buchbinder); Fasch's Oboe Concerto in G minor (Passin, soloist); Berat's Ma Normandie (Marino, tenor); and Rouget de Lisle's (arr Berlioz) La Marseillaise (Guiot and Calès, soloists). 19.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Vaughan Williams. Prelude from film 49th Parallel; The Lake in the Mountains (Peter Jacobs, piano); Dawn Patrol (from film Coastal Command); Dona Nobis Pacem (Armstrong/Case/London Philharmonic). †
10.35 Scandinavian Piano Music: Works by Nielsen, Larsson and Gunnar de Frumerie, played by Barbro Jansson. †
11.05 BBC Scottish SO with Raphael Wallfisch (cello). Johann Strauss's overture Die Fledermaus; Offenbach's Concerto Militaire; Johann Strauss's Roses from the South; Lehar's suite The Merry Widow. †
12.15 Concert Hall: recital by Jane Leslie MacKenzie (soprano) with Roger Vignoles as accompanist. Works by Mozart, Brahms (Madchenlieder), Milhaud, Harry Somers, and Murray Adaksin (Epitaph). †1.00 News.
1.05 Modern Jazz Quartet. Works include Bluesology, Bag's Groove and Django. †
1.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orchestra play Weber's Invitation to the Dance; Shostakovich's Ballet Suite No 1; Arnold's Sarabande and Polka (Solitaire); Strauss's Wine, Women and Song, and Khachaturian's suite Masquerade. †
2.30 Nash Ensemble: Bartok's Contrasts; and Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor. †
3.20 Nash Ensemble: Bartok's Contrasts; and Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor. †
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Bath Abbey. †4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections. Music by Delius, Elgar, Holst, and Beethoven's Wind Sextet in E flat Op 71. †
6.30 Emil von Sauer. Piano works, including the Liszt Piano Concerto No 1 (with Conservatoire Orchestra), and Sauer's Spieluhr †
7.00 A Genius for Routine: medical advances and the legal world. Mr Justice Michael Kirby, chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission, in conversation with Professor Ian Kennedy.
7.30 Bath Festival 1984: Recital, part one. Endellion String Quartet, with William Glock (piano) and Stephen Isserlis (cello). Haydn's Quartet in E, Op 54 No 3; And Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor, K 478. †
8.25 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
8.45 Bath Festival: part two Schubert's String Quintet in C, D 956 †
9.45 My Merry Mornings: Alan Dobie reads the third of six stories by Ivan Klima: Wednesday Morning: A Christmas Conspirator's Story.
10.05 Mozart and Henze: Mozart's Serenade No 4 in D major, K 203; and Henze's Symphony No 4.
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only. Open university 6.35-6.55am Open Forum. 11.20pm-12.00 Nordic Adult Education.

Anna Massey: Prodigal, (Radio 4, 3.00pm)

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00 pm). Major bulletins: 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (MF/MW). 4.00 am Colin Berry. 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan† incl 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Steve Jones† incl 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.05 pm Gloria Hunniford at the Derby† incl 2.30 Daily Mirror Stakes Handicap. 3.30 The Ever Ready Derby Stakes. 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton† incl 5.05, 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn† incl 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 7.30 Cricket scores. 8.00 Cast, in Order of Disappearance. A six-part thriller series starring Francis Matthews and Fiona Hendley. 4. Enter the Funny Policeman. 8.30 BBC Radio Orchestra.† 9.15 Syd Lawrence in Concert from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester.†9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 The Golden Years with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Athletics Report. Olympic trials at Crystal Palace 11.15 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 Patrick Lunt presents Nightride.† 3.00 The Mike Sammes Singers.† 3.30-4.00 Maryetta and Vernon Midgley.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and then 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Bruno Brookes (including commentary on the 205th running of the Derby at Epsom). 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00 am With Radio 2 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Omnibus 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 That's Trad 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 Two Cheers For May 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 The Alternative Proms. 10.15 Patrick Martyn's Music Box 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 World Service Short Story 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Nature Notebook 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Letters From Everywhere. 1.45 Beecham's Delius. 2.15 Derby Day Sports Special. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Counterpoint. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 World Service Short Story. 9.30 Jazz For The Asking. 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Kenneth Matthews Looks Back. 11.30 Top Twenty 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Waveguide. 12.40 Book Choice 12.45 Two Cheers For May. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 These Musical Islands. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales: 1.37pm-1.40 News of Wales headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 11.45 News and weather. Scotland: 1.35pm-1.40 The Scottish News. 5.55 The Scottish News. 11.45-12.20am Top Sailing. 12.20 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 1.37pm-1.40 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 11.45 News and weather. 11.50-12.20am It Only Seems Like Yesterday. 12.20 News and weather. England: 5.55pm Regional news magazines. 11.50 close.

S4C 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Racing from Epsom. 4.45 Clwb S4C. 5.00 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.05 Smyrffs. 5.35 The ABA Junior Championships. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Jeopardy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 Deg Potel Werdd. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. News headlines. 9.00 Film: The True Glory. 10.50 Diverse Reports. 11.20 Lifers. 11.50 Close.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.15-1.25 Channel News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 11.40 Darkroom. 12.35 News and weather in French.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 1.15-1.25 Central News. 5.15-5.45 The Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Central News. 11.40 Mannix. 12.40 Closedown.

TVS As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Farming Brief. 1.15-1.25 TVS News. 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00-7.00 Coast to Coast. 11.40 Portrait of a Legend (The Righteous Brothers). 12.10 Company, closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.15-1.25 HTV News. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 HTV News. 11.40 Q.E.D. 12.40 Weather, closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20-1.25 Anglia News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 11.40 Portrait of a Legend (The Righteous Brothers). 12.10 See Round.

BORDER As London except: 1.15-1.25 Border News. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround Wednesday. 11.00 Portrait of a Legend (Merle Haggard). 12.10 News summary. 12.13 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 The Day Ahead. 1.15-1.25 Lunchtime. 5.15-5.45 The Protectors. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 11.35 News.

GRAMPIAN As London except: starts. 9.25-9.30 First Thing. 1.15-1.25 North News. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight and Weather. 11.40 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.40 News and weather. 12.45 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.15-1.25 Scottish News. 5.10 Action Line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 The Devlin Connection. 12.45 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 North East News. 1.20 North East News. 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobs Are. 5.15-5.45 Madabout. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 11.40 That Girl. 12.10 Are You Sitting Comfortably?

YORKSHIRE As London except: starts 9.25-9.30 Weather. 1.15-1.25 Calender News. 5.15-5.45 The Protectors. 6.00-6.35 Calendar 11.40 Barney Miller. 12.10 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.15-1.25 Granada Reports. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 11.40 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.15pm-1.25 TSW News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 New Series: Database. 11.40 Darkroom. 12.20 Postscript. 12.25am Weather and Shipping. Closedown.

Sacking of black worker leads to BL standstill

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

A strike over alleged racial prejudice on the part of a foreman at Austin Rover's Longbridge car plant escalated rapidly yesterday. By last night 13.500 workers were laid off at Longbridge, Cowley, Swindon, Llanelli and Birmingham. Production of all models except the large Rover saloon was at a standstill.

The loss of more than 2,000 cars a day worth about £10m at showroom prices and including a new small Rover to be announced in a fortnight's time, could be disastrous unless the dispute is settled quickly.

Car manufacturers count on steady production in June and July to build up stocks for the August bonanza, when nearly one in five of all Britain's new cars are bought.

If Austin Rover enters August short of cars it will be a severe setback to its recovery after last year's welcome return to profits.

Peace talks between local union officials and plant management were continuing last night but the 300 drivers at the heart of the dispute are not due to meet again before tomorrow.

They walked out on the eve of last week's spring holiday in protest at the dismissal of Mr Zedekiah Mills, aged 55, a black forklift truck driver, for striking a foreman.

He alleged that the foreman had provoked him by calling him a "black bastard" and that that was only the latest in a number of acts of racial discrimination towards him during his 13 years at Longbridge.

The foreman denied saying that phrase but did admit that he swore at Mr Mills. Management revealed yesterday that he had since been disciplined for swearing and had been given a written warning about his future conduct.

Austin Rover described Mr Mills's claims of racial discrimination as "totally without foundation".

"There is absolutely no justification for such an unconstitutional stoppage. Mr Mills has a record of violent conduct, which he admits. The decision to dismiss him would have been the same for any employee whatever his colour", he said.

It was hoped that tempers would cool during the week-long holiday shutdown. But when the drivers who ferry components around Longbridge failed to appear on Monday morning the shortage of components halted assembly lines.

The dispute spread to other plants when internal drivers were joined by colleagues who transport parts between Austin Rover plants.

Mr Zedekiah Mills

Diplomatic 'blacklist'

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during an exchange of views on international terrorism, in the wake of the recent Anglo-Libyan crisis.

The heads of government of Britain, the United States, Canada, West Germany, France, Italy and Japan, along with their foreign and finance ministers and the president of the EEC Commission, will attend the two-day summit here on Friday and Saturday.

Although the main purpose of the summit is to discuss world economic problems, informed sources expect that international politics will dominate conversation at the luncheon and dinner tables.

The Gulf war, East-West relations, Central America and South Africa – in the light of Mr P W Botha's European tour – should be the other main political topics.

The sources believe that the big advantage of these annual gatherings is that the Western powers, which already confer within Nato, can elicit the views of the Japanese on relations with the Soviet Union and developments in South-East Asia.

The Queen Mother unveiling a plaque yesterday to General de Gaulle at his wartime HQ in Carlton Gardens, London (Photograph: Barry Beattie).

Paratroops repeat their Normandy landing

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After a half-mile drive in an open Land-Rover, cheered by veterans and villagers, he went via the Rue des Airbornes to the immaculately-tended cemetery.

There His Royal Highness faced the Cross of Sacrifice while the band of the Parachute Regiment played the French and British national anthems.

Then at the Sixth Airborne Division cross in the cemetery he stood to attention as a memorial service was conducted by Lt-Col the Rev A. R. "Nobby" Clark, chaplain to the Military Knights of Windsor and once a member of 13 Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, and the Rev Whitfield Foy, formerly padre of 13 Para.

At the end of the service the Last Post and Reveille were sounded before Mr Bill Millin, who piped Lord Lovat's men across Pegasus Bridge near by in 1944, immediately after the first landing, played a lament.

Rows of veterans and next-of-kin lined up to shake Prince Charles's hand before he signed the Commonwealth War Graves Commission visitors' book.

After unveiling a plaque in memory of General Sir Richard "Windy" Gale, Prince Charles spoke to a mass of veterans and local people who had joined in an extraordinary spirit of *entente cordiale*.

He said: "In the name of all the old British combatants present today and as Colonel in Chief of the Parachute Regiment I must thank you for all you have dome to maintain the memory of the great deeds of war of the Sixth Airborne Division.

"I must also thank you for something which has touched the hearts of innumerable British people, to know the way in which French families have so affectionately taken care of the graves of those who died here before the cemetery was officially put in the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission."

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Saudis down Iranian jet off Gulf coast

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Tehran had by last night failed to acknowledge the loss of any aircraft – which it invariably concedes if planes have been shot down over Iraq – and had made no comment on the Saudi claim.

One of Saudi Arabia's deepest concerns is that Iranian jets may raid the big refinery at Ras Tanurah on the northern-eastern coast and the eastern province oilfield of Ghawar.

Oil tanker crews yesterday reported seeing an American C130 transport aircraft flying low over the upper waters of the Gulf, while US warships have continued to provide escorts to tankers moving past the Emirates and Qatar, sometimes to the embarrassment of the vessels' captains.

Several tanker crews have refused to radio their positions to American cruisers for fear that they would give them away to Iranian Air Force pilots looking for targets in the sea lanes.

It is the first time the Saudis have claimed to have shot down an aircraft since the mid-1960s when their jets are believed to have destroyed two Egyptian planes during the war in Yemen.

The Saudis were abused by several Arab states in 1981 for failing to detect and shoot down the Israeli planes which flew unmolested through Saudi air-space on their way to bomb the Iraqi nuclear reactor outside Baghdad.

Shortly after dawn yesterday, King Fahd, chairing a meeting of the Cabinet, said Saudi Arabia and other nations of the Gulf Cooperation Council still wanted to pursue peaceful means to end the Gulf war. But the Saudis, he said, would employ all means available to defend their territory and interests.

These "means" now include the 400 shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles which the Americans sent to the kingdom last week.

Letter from Athens

Greek TV addicts get no light relief

Sixteen years after discovering television, 10 million Greeks are still firmly adicted to it. This is understandable in a country where, as the statistics claim, 76 per cent of the population never, but never, read a book, and only 20 per cent do so occasionally; and where only one in 15 inhabitants buys a newspaper.

This is, essentially, a country of comic-strip fans where food for thought must be chewed and digested to be made palatable for the general public. Little wonder, therefore, that 94 per cent of all Greek households own a television set.

This makes television the most formidable mind-conditioning tool any government would wish to control. And so it does, since radio and television here are state monopolies under the absolute control of whichever party is in power.

Right now, it is the Socialists, and they wield this power with a vengeance. The same Socialists, when in opposition, had vehemently protested that the ruling Conservatives were abusing this power. They have now fallen to the same temptation, if not harder.

Bias and propaganda are so rife, especially in the news programmes, that opposition party fund-raising crews make their rounds after the 9 pm main news bulletin, and cash in on the indignation of viewers often subjected to Castro-length harangues by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, at peak viewing time.

Mr Papandreou's charismatic ways and gift of the gab make him the perfect telvision personality. But there is a limit to what one can take each night and some Greeks resent that the Prime Minister is seen more often at the Television studios than in Parliament.

Greek television news is usually parochial, and, worse, anything that does not suit the Government is promptly suppressed as "un-news". Greece is perhaps the only European country with a full-fledged Cabinet Minister who preoccupies himself exclusively with television affairs.

Some time ago, the news editor of one of the two state channels was summarily dismissed for authorizing the broadcasting of an opposition leader's statement without first securing a Government retort. His successor, a left-wing columnist, lasted barely one week. He was dismissed after an interview in which he gave such an original definition of objectivity that even the Government was embarrassed.

The doctoring of news is such that viewers often hear the Government's reply to criticism that is never broadcast.

For the past two years, Greek television has been rewriting post-war Greek history in an attempt to white-wash the left over the Civil War.

In a lighter vein, the only redeeming features of Greek television are recent Greek serials and imports such as *Dynasty*, *Fame*, and *Startrek*. But arbitrary changes in the programme because of political speeches and endless news bulletins are frequent enough to throw into disarray the memory of even the most sophisticated video-recorder.

With the election campaign in full swing, the confusion gets worse every day. The Government has decided to give political parties equal time (some being more equal than others). There are many complaints.

Two weeks ago, a speech by Mr Evangelos Averoff, the conservative Opposition leader, was screened one hour later than scheduled, presumably to have it coincide with a Greek comedy film on Channel 2.

Mr John Pesmazoglou, the leader of the small Social Democrat Party, last week raided the television building with a posse of angry followers, because the Television minister had decided to cut off a colourful questions-and-answers epilogue to a campaign speech in Salonika.

The interparty commission set up to supervise these arrangements is in disarray, with the oppostion berating the Socialist Government for taking unfair advantage of television time at the expense of its rivals. On one thing all parties are agreed, however: the screening of campaign speeches on one channel should never coincide with football matches on the other. The competition would be too strong even for the politically-minded Greeks.

Mario Modiano

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of *Edinburgh disembark from the* Royal Yacht Britannia in Caen at 11.15; The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit the Commonwealth War Graves, Bayeaux; 3.35; followed by the Utah Beach; 4.50; and later visit Arromanches; 7.20.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, and Princess Alexandra, attend Epsom Races; arriving Tattenham Corner Station: 12.45.

The Princess of Wales opens the new factory and head office of the Callard and Bowser Group, Waterton, South Glamorgan; 12.15.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, attends President's Day at the Manor, Chedworth, Gloucestershire; 11.15; and later takes the Salute at the Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on Horse Guards, Whitehall: 9.28.

Last chance to see

Paintings and other works by Paul Kelly; Artspace Galleries, 21 Castle St, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30.

Paintings and lithographs by John Bellamy; Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5.

Music

Concert by the Northern Sinfonia; St George's Church, Gateshead; 7.30.

Portsmouth Festival: recital by Southdown College Students; Menuhin Room, Central Library, Portsmouth; 12.45. D-Day Concert, by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; The Guildhall, Portsmouth; 7.30.

C oncert by the Endymion Ensemble; Arts Centre, Vane Terrace, Darlington; 7.30.

Recital by Julia Sellers (clarinet) and Elizabeth Saunders (piano); Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster; 1.

Recital by Ruth Ellis (clarinet) and John Gough (piano); St John's Church, Chester; 1.

Bath Festival: recital by Jane Ginsborg (soprano) and George Nicholson (piano); 1; and concert by the Endellion String Quartet; 7.30; The Assembly Rooms, Bath.

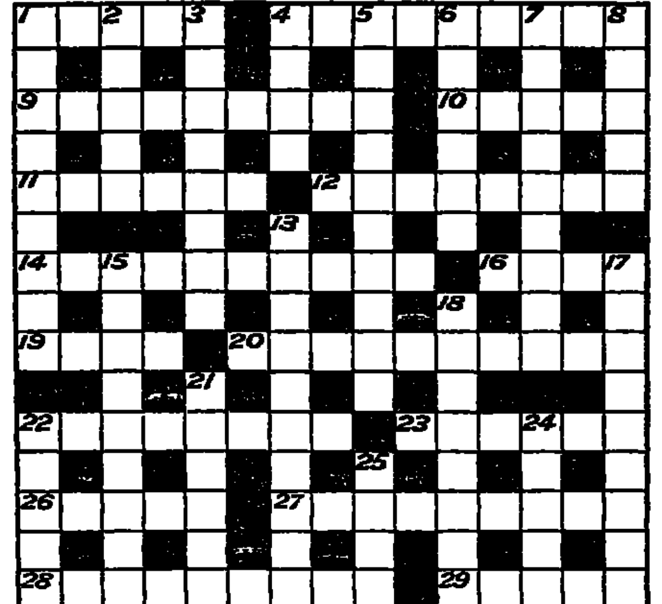
Organ and harpsichord recital by Richard Lester; Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge; 7.30.

General

Bournemouth Trasport Museum is open to the public on Wednesdays, from today until Sept 26; Mallard Rd Depot, off Castle Lane, Bournemouth; 10.30-3.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,449

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 43 per cent of the competitors at this year's Leeds regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS

1 Writer's side cured (5).
4 Savage makes Cuttle run (9).
9 Recoiled, though not necessarily from marriage (9).
10 In wine there is a point of principle (5).
11 Reactionary story by journalist in high spirits (6).
12 Convincing cheese replacement, initially fit to eat (8).
14 Patent stacks – more than one bargained for (10).
16 Complain vociferously to some about drink (4).
19 Book for performances (4).
20 More to attend, say, not having dieted (10).
22 Break wrecked craft by the river (8).
23 Venue for wedding without notice in N America (6).
26 Outfitter loses his head in the plant (5).
27 In wind pipes, most of the ice is artificial (9).
28 Detailed interest in trip in Germany (9).
29 Fear of father when billeting soldiers (5).

DOWN

1 Prohibit Church taking a shaky loan in Spain (9).
2 Creeper needs firm support (5).
3 Upset Una, tease and sicken her (8).
4 Time the Movement in C is heard (4).
5 One the foreigners run in burlesque, but make a slip (10).
6 Nudity, curiously out of place (6).
7 Elevating East German capital to rise above the heath (9).
8 Bird with the French name (5).
13 Beefy team which came in second? (10).
15 More mixed diet to send home (9).
17 Sent to the fourth gate (9).
18 Mad when called during the act (8).
21 Looks hard at floating vetch (6).
22 "I'll —— and be perverse" (*R and J*) (5).
24 Musical strip girl . . . (5).
25 . . . and this, etc, before long (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,448

SPANIARD BUFFET
LEANTO CLAYMORE
BRANDNEW RACKET
STRIP DISCREDIT
LADYSMITH CROSS
PLAYER NAPOLEON
TIGERCAT EMERGE
ELEVEN NEPOTISM

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New books – hardbacks

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Cambridge University Press 1584-1984, by M. H. Black (Cambridge, £12.50)
Living Out Of London, edited by Alan Ross (London Magazine Editions, £8.95)
Religion in Roman Britain, by Martin Henig (Batsford, £25)
Selected Letters, by Federico Garcia Lorca, edited and translated by David Gershator (Marion Boyars, £10.95)
Shakespeare's Wide and Universal Stage, edited by C. B. Cox and D. J. Palmer (Manchester University Press, £19.50)
Sources Close to the Prime Minister, Inside the Hidden World of The News Manipulators, by Michael Cockerell, Peter Hennessy and David Walker (Macmillan, £9.95)
The Britten Companion, edited by Christopher Palmer (Faber, £25; paperback, £9.95)
The Language of 1984, Orwell's English and Ours, by W. F. Bolton (Blackwell, £7.50)
Thomas Hardy's English, by Ralph W. V. Elliott (Blackwell, £22.50)
War in the Middle Ages, by Philippe Contamine, translated by Michael Jones (Blackwell, £17.50)
PH

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Agricultural Holdings Bill, remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debate on successor to Lomé Convention. Video Recordings Bill, report. Debate on the Lebanon.

Pollen forecast

The National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau pollen forecast for today:
Belfast high, peak time 6pm to 9pm, except during rain. All other sites in the UK, low.

The Derby

London Transport will be running a direct express bus service to the Derby at Epsom today. Buses will run between Morden Underground and Tattenham Corner, providing a straightforward route from London to the meeting via the Underground. The service will run frequently from 9.30 am. The last bus back from the course is at 7 pm. The adult single fare from Morden to Tattenham Corner will be £1.50, (75p for children under 16 and holders of GLC elderly persons' travel permits). Travelcards, bus passes and all other special tickets will not be valid.

Roads

Wales and West: M5: All traffic sharing one carriageway between junction 12 (Gloucester) and junction 13 (Stroud); southbound entry slip closed at junction 13, diversion signed via junction 14. A55: Restrictions at Chester to Colwyn Bay at Ewloe Roundabout; Llanddulais bypass contraflow, Clwyd. A38: Lane closures at Plympton Hill under bridge, Marsh Mills, Lee Mill, Buckfastleigh and Halden Hill, between Plymouth and Exeter.

The Midlands: A47: On approach to Guyhirn Bridge, Cambridgeshire, temporary lights during working hours, between Wesbech Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. A34: Roadwords at Tidmington S of Shipston, Warwickshire; also demolition of River bridge will reduce roadwidth 3 metres. A45: Only one carriageway in use at Kislingbury on Northhampton to Coventy Rd.

The North: A66: Roadworks in the Greta Bridge area, Co Durham. A56: Diversions at Washway Rd in Sale. A6110: Roadworks along existing carriageway of Leeds southern ring road, delays.

Scotland: A92: Stonehaven road S of bridge of Dee, northbound reduced to one lane. A92: Diversion at A909 junction Burntisland roundabout. A78: Resurfacing from S of Skelmorlie to Saltcoats.

Bond winner

The winning number of this month's £250,000 Premium Bond prize is 20AF 615681. The winner lives in Hull.

Anniversaries

Births: Diego Velásquez, painter, baptized, Seville, 1599; Pierre Corneille, dramatist, Rouen, 1606; Aleksandr Pushkin, (old style May 26), Moscow, 1799; Robert Falcon Scott, Antarctic explorer, Devonport, 1868; Thomas Mann, novelist, Lübeck, Germany, 1875.

Deaths: Henry Grattan, Irish patriot, London, 1820; Jeremy Bentham, Utilitarian philosopher, London, 1831. D-Day, 1944.

National Day

Sweden celebrates its national flag day today. It commemorates the day in 1809 when a new constitution was introduced, separating the powers of the king and the Riksdag (parliament). King Gustav IV Adolf was deposed, following the defeat of Sweden by the Russians, and a new king was sought. The following year the French Marshal Jean Baptiste Bernadotte was chosen as successor to the throne. The 1809 constitution lasted until 1974 and the successors of Bernadotte still sit on the Swedish throne.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.62	1.54
Austria Sch	27.50	25.90
Belgium Fr	80.25	76.25
Canada $	1.86	1.79
Denmark Kr	14.27	13.57
Finland Mkk	8.33	7.88
France Fr	11.93	11.33
Germany DM	3.87	3.68
Greece Dr	158.00	148.00
Hongkong $	11.30	10.70
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lira	2385.00	2285.00
Japan Yen	334.00	318.00
Netherlands Gld	4.38	4.16
Norway Kr	11.15	10.60
Portugal Esc	199.00	189.00
South Africa Rd	2.14	2.00
Spain Pta	214.25	203.25
Sweden Kr	11.60	11.00
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.06
USA $	1.44	1.39
Yugoslavia Dnr	186.00	176.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 349.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 3.2 at 840.1.

The papers

The Daily Express says that as we commemorate D-Day and the liberation of Europe we should remember another D, D for Dunkirk. It adds: "For if the Royal Navy and the little ships had not brought the British Army home from France in that terrible summer of 1940 there would have been no assault on the continent four years later. Without Britain, there would have been no place from which to land in Europe."

The Daily Star, also commenting on D-Day, says that Russia, one of our major World War II allies, will be missing today. It adds: "Yet millions of Russians died in that Nation's heroic fight to drive Hitler's troops back to Berlin. But there can be no place in today's ceremonies for the new tyrants of the World, the dictators of the Kremlin. Peace to them means World dominance by Communism. Peace to the men who died 40 years ago meant exactly the opposite. World Freedom.

Weather forecast

Pressure will be low over England and Wales.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands: mainly cloudy, outbreaks of rain later, wind NW moderate becoming variable light, max temp 16C (61F).

E Anglia, E, W Midlands, S, N Wales: cloudy, rain spreading from NE, heavy at times, perhaps thundery, wind variable light, rather cool, max temp 17C (63F).

E, NW, central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland: cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, becoming clearer later, wind E moderate, rather cool, max temp 14C (57F).

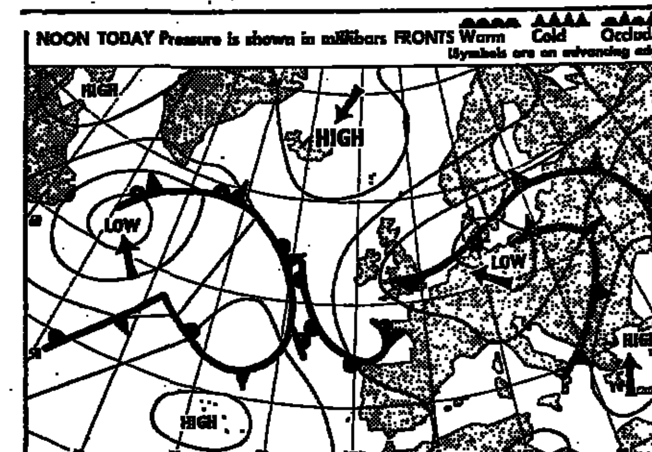
Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: rather cloudy, sunny intervals, coastal fog, wind NE moderate or fresh, near normal max temp 14C (57F).

Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: sunny periods, mainly dry, wind NE moderate or fresh, max temp 22C (72F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: rather cloudy with showers or longer outbreaks of rain, but drier weather with sunny periods spreading into all parts from the N, very warm in the W to below normal in the E and SW.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: wind veering NE light becoming moderate or fresh, occasional rain, visibility, moderate with fog patches developing, sea, smooth becoming moderate. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): wind, moderate or fresh, showers, visibility, moderate or good, sea, slight or moderate. St George's Channel: wind, cyclonic light becoming N moderate or fresh, showers, visibility, moderate with fog patches, sea, smooth becoming moderate. Irish Sea: wind, NE moderate or fresh, showers, visibility, moderate with fog patches, sea, slight or moderate.

Sun rises: 4.46 am Sun sets: 9.13 pm
Moon rises: 12.07 pm Moon sets: 1.56 am
First quarter: 5.42 pm.



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

Lighting-up time

London 9.43 pm to 4.15 am
Bristol 9.53 pm to 4.25 am
Edinburgh 10.23 pm to 4.00 am
Manchester 10.03 pm to 4.12 am
Penzance 9.58 pm to 4.44 am

Yesterday

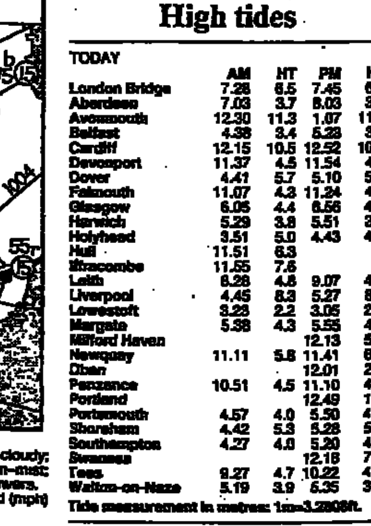
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	15	59	Guernsey	c	13	55
Birmingham	c	10	50	Inverness	f	14	57
Blackpool	c	15	59	Jersey	f	13	55
Bristol	c	12	54	London	c	14	57
Cardiff	c	11	52	Manchester	c	14	57
Edinburgh	d	11	52	Newcastle	d	10	50
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	c	15	59

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.1hr. Bar, mean sea level: 6pm, 1007.7 millibars, and rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

High tides

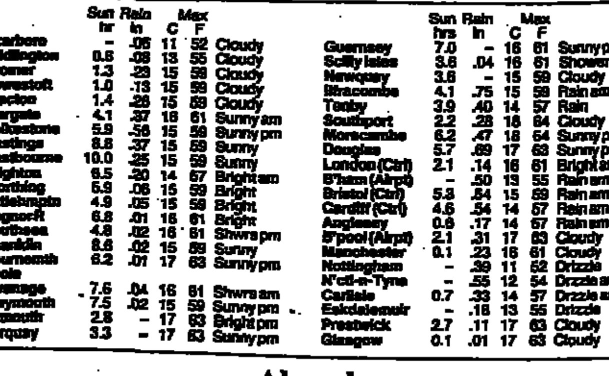


TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.28	6.5	7.45	6.2
Aberdeen	7.03	3.7	8.03	3.6
Avonmouth	12.30	11.3	1.07	11.0
Belfast	4.38	3.4	5.23	3.0
Cardiff	12.15	10.5	12.52	10.2
Devonport	11.37	4.5	11.54	4.8
Dover	4.41	5.7	5.10	5.8
Falmouth	11.07	4.3	11.24	4.6
Glasgow	6.05	4.4	6.56	4.0
Harwich	5.29	3.8	5.51	3.5
Holyhead	3.51	5.0	4.43	4.7
Hull	11.51	6.3		
Ilfracombe	11.55	7.6		
Leith	8.28	4.8	9.07	4.8
Liverpool	4.45	8.3	5.27	8.0
Lowestoft	3.28	2.2	3.05	2.2
Margate	5.38	4.3	5.55	4.3
Milford Haven			12.13	5.7
Newquay	11.11	5.8	11.41	6.0
Oban			12.01	2.9
Penzance	10.51	4.5	11.10	4.8
Portland			12.49	1.4
Portsmouth	4.57	4.0	5.50	4.2
Shoreham	4.42	5.3	5.28	5.5
Southampton	4.27	4.0	5.20	4.1
Swansea			12.18	7.7
Tees	9.27	4.7	10.22	4.5
Walton-on-Naze	5.19	3.9	5.35	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

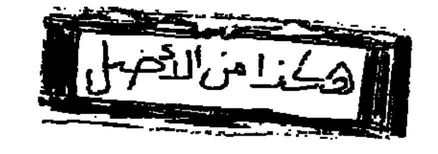


	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	–	.06	11	52	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.6	.08	13	55	Cloudy
Cromer	1.3	.23	15	59	Cloudy
Lowestoft	1.0	.13	15	59	Cloudy
Clacton	1.4	.26	15	59	Cloudy
Margate	4.1	.37	16	61	Sunny am
Folkestone	5.9	.56	15	59	Sunny pm
Hastings	8.8	.37	15	59	Sunny
Eastbourne	10.0	.25	15	59	Sunny
Brighton	6.5	.20	14	57	Bright am
Worthing	5.9	.06	15	59	Bright
Littlehmptn	4.9	.05	15	59	Bright
Bognor R	6.8	.01	16	61	Bright
Southsea	4.8	.02	16	61	Shwrs pm
Shanklin	8.6	.02	15	59	Sunny
Bournemth	6.2	.01	17	63	Sunny pm
Poole					
Swanage	7.6	.04	16	61	Shwrs am
Weymouth	7.5	.02	15	59	Sunny pm
Exmouth	2.8	–	17	63	Bright pm
Torquay	3.3	–	17	63	Sunny pm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	7.0	–	16	61	Sunny pm
Scilly Isles	3.6	.04	16	61	Showers
Newquay	3.6	–	15	59	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	4.1	.75	15	59	Rain am
Tenby	3.9	.40	14	57	Rain
Southport	2.2	.28	18	64	Cloudy
Morecambe	6.2	.47	18	64	Sunny pm
Douglas	5.7	.69	17	63	Sunny pm
London (Ctrl)	2.1	.14	16	61	Bright am
B'ham (Airpt)	–	.50	13	55	Rain am
Bristol (Ctrl)	5.3	.64	15	59	Rain am
Cardiff (Ctrl)	4.6	.54	14	57	Rain am
Anglesey	0.6	.17	14	57	Rain am
B'pool (Airpt)	2.1	.31	17	63	Cloudy
Manchester	0.1	.23	16	61	Cloudy
Nottingham	–	.39	11	52	Drizzle
N'ctl-n-Tyne	–	.55	12	54	Drzzle am
Carlisle	0.7	.33	14	57	Drzzle am
Eskdalemuir	–	.16	13	55	Drizzle
Prestwick	2.7	.11	17	63	Cloudy
Glasgow	0.1	.01	17	63	Cloudy

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloudy; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sunny; th, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	16	61	Copenhgn				Majorca	c	19	66	Rio de Jan*	s	27	81
Akrotiri	s	27	81	Corfu	s	25	77	Malaga	s	22	72	Rome	c	21	70
Alexandria				Dallas*	f	28	82	Malta*	s	26	79	Salzburg	c	20	68
Algiers*	s	26	79	Dublin	c	11	52	Melbourne	s	15	59	Sao Paulo*	f	24	75
Amsterdam	f	14	57	Dubrovnik*	c	20	68	Mexico C*	f	23	73	S Francisco*	r	16	61
Athens	s	25	77	Faro	f	20	68	Miami*	s	29	84	Santiago*	f	9	48
Bahrain				Florence	r	17	63	Milan	r	11	52	Seoul	c	27	81
Barbados				Frankfurt	f	17	63	Montreal*	s	22	72	Singapore	r	25	77
Barcelona	s	21	70	Funchal	f	19	66	Moscow	s	26	79	Stockholm*	f	25	77
Beirut	s	24	75	Geneva	r	11	52	Munich	c	17	63	Strasbourg	f	15	59
Belgrade*	s	25	77	Gibraltar	c	19	66	Nairobi	f	25	77	Sydney	s	18	64
Berlin	c	14	57	Helsinki	s	22	72	Naples	f	23	73	Tangier	c	19	66
Bermuda*	c	14	57	Hongkong	r	25	77	New Delhi	s	36	97	Tel Aviv	c	28	82
Biarritz	c	14	57	Innsbruck	c	16	61	New York				Tenerife	f	23	73
Boulogne	f	12	54	Istanbul	s	27	81	Nice	f	16	61	Tokyo	c	23	73
Bordeaux	c	17	63	Jiddah*	s	33	91	Oslo	f	24	75	Toronto*	s	26	79
Brussels	c	18	65	Jo'burg				Ottawa				Tunis	s	29	84
Budapest*	c	26	79	Karachi	c	33	91	Paris	r	15	59	Valencia	s	23	73
Buen Aires*	f	10	50	Las Palmas	f	22	72	Peking	s	28	82	Vancouver			
Cairo				Lisbon	f	17	63	Perth	f	18	64	Venice	r	13	55
Cape Tn	c	18	64	Locarno	r	10	50	Prague*	s	26	79	Vienna	s	23	73
C'blanca	c	19	66	L Angeles*	s	20	68	Reykjavik	s	13	55	Warsaw*	c	23	73
Chicago*	s	27	81	Luxembg	r	11	52	Rhodes	c	20	68	Washington	c	11	52
Cologne	c	14	57	Madrid	f	16	61	Riyadh	s	42	108	Zurich	c	15	59

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